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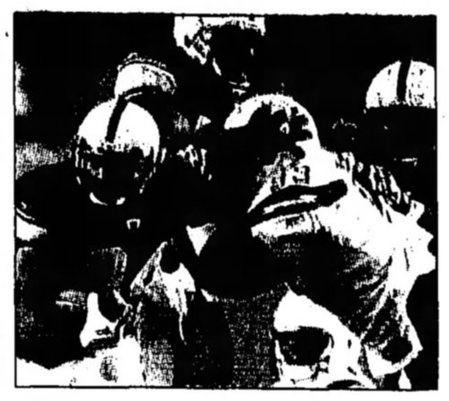
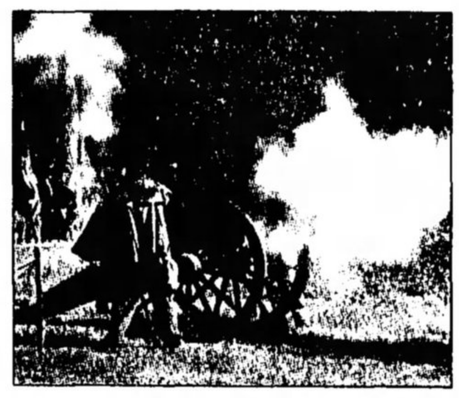


Steelers hang on

The Steelers slipped in the fourth quarter, but not enough to lose to San Diego. **1B**



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Nice weather over the weekend allowed many Valley residents to have a blast. **5A**

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Forget all about mission accomplished. Try mission seemingly impossible. **5A**

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Two Superior Court judges with contrasting styles are vying for an open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. **3A**

SPORTS

Cal U tops IUP

Cal U knocked off IUP to capture the first-ever Coal Bowl. **1B**

BVA ties Scotties

The BVA girls' soccer team posted a second straight tie with Southmoreland. **2B**

Blanked again

The Pirates ended their 17th straight losing season with their 17th shutout. **2B**

DEATHS

- Shirley "Darleen" Allridge, 79, Monongahela
- Carole MacDonnell Macko Britt, 76, Belle Vernon (Fairhope)
- Veronica Suzanne D'Vorchak, 91, Monessen, formerly of Bentleyville
- Barbara Garcia Hendry, 83, Belle Vernon, formerly of Elizabeth Township
- C. Stanley Louttit, 81, Monongahela
- Cecilia V. Leonard McClintock, 96, Belle Vernon (Washington Township)
- William T. Myers, 70, Jefferson Township

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Great pumpkin crop ripe

The demand will be great with Halloween and Thanksgiving drawing near.

By A.J. PANIAN
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It was oddly white in color, weighed just a pound and looked like an oversized teardrop, but to toddler Sophia Lepore, it was the perfect Halloween pumpkin.

The 2-year-old and her family made what's become a yearly sojourn Sunday to Schramm Farms and Orchards in Penn Township.

"(Sophia) paid for it all by herself, all 49 cents," said her father, Brian Lepore, 32, of North Huntingdon. "It was the first time she ever bought anything. We can't even stand it up, but boy was she thrilled."

Harley Wilson, of West Newton, inspects a large pumpkin Sunday at the patch at Schramm Farms, in Harrison City.

Barry Reeger/For The Valley Independent

Many joined them this weekend to pluck all shapes and sizes of the dense, squat squashes for the coming holiday.

Pumpkin fever in October is enough to inspire devotees to spout Forest Gump-like litanies of uses for the vegetable.

Pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, pumpkin carvings, roasted pumpkin seeds.

Local growers say they have plenty to go around.

"I think we really have a bumper crop this year," said Thomas Rich, owner of Rich Farms Inc. near Smithfield, Fayette County. "We have 20 acres, and there's probably at least 50,000 pumpkins."

Therese Pajer, owner of Pajer Farm Market in Buffalo Township, Butler County, agreed.

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Changes possible for resort gaming

Prospective operators claim existing rules make it difficult to make money.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – The state Legislature is in the "mischief period."

That's one Harrisburg term for the hectic days between the handshake agreement on state government's annual spending plan and final legislative action on the budget – when rank-and-file lawmakers and lobbyists scramble to win money or favorable treatment for pet projects.

This year, the push is on to transform Pennsylvania's miniature "resort" casinos into gambling halls that can more closely resemble, if not rival, some of the state's biggest casinos. It is a brewing controversy in a lineup of higher-profile disputes over the state's long-stalled 2009-10 budget.

The proposal is tucked into a broader bill to legalize and tax poker, blackjack and other table games at Pennsylvania's slot-machine casinos, a key element of the Legislature's search for new tax dollars to offset the state government's massive, recession-driven revenue shortfall.

Under the 2004 law that brought slots to Pennsylvania, two licensed resort casinos are each allowed to operate up to 500 slot machines, strictly for overnight guests and other patrons.

But no resort casino is actually up and running in Pennsylvania, in part because of what some say is an ill-conceived law that makes it impossible to turn a profit – or, at least, enough of a profit to bother.

Now, House Democrats are supporting a bill that they say would fix the problems and help scrounge up more money for the cash-strapped state.

The legislation would triple the ceiling to 1,500 slot machines and strip away the requirement that gamblers be guests of the resort, opening the establishments to the general public like other casinos.

However, Senate Republicans

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Associated Press

State Rep. Kathy Manderino, D-Philadelphia, talks with Rep. Katie True, R-Lancaster, before a House Appropriations Committee meeting Sunday in the Capitol in Harrisburg. Manderino is a Monessen native.

Table games hottest topic at late-night House session

Lawmakers want casinos to ante up big bucks for such games as blackjack and dice.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG – The state House on Sunday debated legislation to legalize table games at casinos, a measure that reinstates a ban on campaign contributions by casino owners and operators.

A final House vote could occur early this week, but the bill faces likely rejection in the state Senate, according to Sen. Jane Earll, R-Erie, who chairs a Senate panel overseeing the gambling industry. Earll said Friday she objects to combining the reforms contained in her bill, S.B. 711, with the table games bill, and opposes the taxation rates contained in the legislation.

The House bill would levy a 34 percent tax rate on profits from table games, such as poker, blackjack and dice. Casinos at racetracks and standalone casinos would be allowed to run 200 table games each under the bill. They would have to pay $20 million for a license. Earll said casino owners told her committee they won't move forward with table games with those licensing fees and tax rates.

The bill is one of the means lawmakers are using to balance the state budget, which is 97 days late today. Democratic budget negotiators met with Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell last night. "The issues are narrowing," Rendell said.

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> STEPHEN DRACHLER
> U.M. CHURCH LOBBYIST

Officials met until 11 p.m. Sunday.

"This is all about what they see as easy money. Consequences aren't important," said Stephen Drachler, a lobbyist for the United Methodist Church.

"It's the path of least resistance" as opposed, for example, to tax increases, Drachler said.

Political contributions from top casino interests would be prohibited under the bill.

The state Supreme Court in April struck down a ban on contributions originally established in the 2004 slots law. Since 2001, gambling operators donated $4.4 million to candidates and campaigns, according to a recent study by Common Cause of Pennsylvania.

The bill (S.B. 711) extends the ban on felony convictions for casino owners. Currently, a principal applying for a casino license can't have a felony conviction for the previous 15 years. The bill establishes a lifetime ban on felony convictions. Louis DeNaples' application for Mt. Airy Casino & Resort was approved in 2006, despite his felony fraud conviction in 1978.

Among the flurry of amendments considered yesterday, the House:

- Approved an amendment by Rep. Randy Vulakovich, R-Shaler, cutting the salaries of the Gaming Board chairman from $150,000

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Numerous U.S. nursing homes face job cuts, even closure

By DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. – The nation's nursing homes are perilously close to laying off workers, cutting services – possibly even closing – because of a perfect storm wallop from the recession and deep federal and state government spending cuts, industry experts say.

A Medicare rate adjustment that cuts an estimated $16 billion in nursing home funding over the next 10 years was enacted at week's end by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – on top of state-level cuts or flat-funding that already had the industry reeling.

And Congress is debating slashing billions more in Medicare funding as part of health care reform.

Add it all up, and the nursing home industry is headed for a crisis, industry officials say.

"We can foresee the possibility of nursing homes having to close their doors," said David Hebert, a senior vice president at the American Health Care Association. "I certainly foresee that we'll have to let staff go."

The funding crisis comes as the nation's baby boomers age ever closer toward needing nursing home care. The nation's 16,000 nursing homes housed 1.85 million

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Pumpkin (FROM PAGE ONE)

"They are humongous," Rajer said.

That means ones weighing in excess of 1,000 pounds, based on two mighty specimens on display at Pletcher's Farm Market near Champion.

"Each year, we try to get at least one like that with all the people coming to the Autumnfest going on right now," said Brian Pletcher, 32, of Springfield Township, Fayette County.

The key to fetching a hearty harvest is timing, cooperative weather and a bit of luck, Rich said.

"There's a small window of time, between Memorial Day and, like, June 13, when you have to get the seeds planted or they won't mature in time for the season," Rich said. "We also buy the hybrid seeds because they're more resistant to fungus and other diseases."

Rain played a large role.

"It rained at the right times," said Steve Ambrose of Ambrose Farms near Winfield, Butler County. "We got the seeds in before it rained, and it was never too much rain until they were ready to be sold. We were very lucky."

Penn State extension agent Eric Oesterling said rain is a perilous factor in growing pumpkins.

Although spring rainfall was heavier than Oesterling said was optimal, the summer precipitation was more favorable.

"I expect we'll have a decent crop," he said.

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annually to $71,084 and the other members of the board from $145,000 to $68,284. Vulakovich said the proposed salaries are consistent with salaries of Liquor Control Board members.

■ Defeated an amendment to raise table game license fees to $50 million.

■ Approved an amendment by Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Hills District, moving the Rivers Casino's payment on the uptown hockey arena for the Penguins from Oct. 15 to the end of the year.

As a condition of its slots license, the North Shore casino must pay the Sports & Exhibition Authority $7.5 million a year to help pay off the $355 million Uptown arena for the Penguins.

■ Defeated a Wheatley amendment that would have stripped away the power of Gaming Control Board to suspend the license of the Rivers if did not meet payments on the new arena.

In addition, the House:

■ Shot down an amendment by Rep. Paul Clymer, R-Bucks County, that would have allowed local voter referendums on whether to permit table games.

■ Defeated an amendment that would have removed the Supreme Court's exclusive jurisdiction to hear gaming cases. Rep. Curt Schroder, R-Chester County, said the current law provides a "direct pipeline to the Supreme Court for the gaming industry" but opponents said it would create further delays in enacting a budget.

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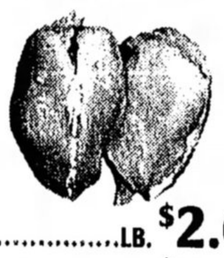

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Yesteryear

This picture was taken at the Monessen Southwestern Railway, which was a part of Pittsburgh Steel Co. It was taken in the mid-1950s. Pictured, from left, are Ray Glover, Clyde, Maple, Peazer, Bob H., unknown, Ben, unknown and Cuss. Karl W. Glover, Belle Vernon, submitted the photo.

Weather

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Resort (FROM PAGE ONE)

see the changes as unjustified. And the bigger casinos – which generally have 2,000 to 3,000 machines and can legally operate up to 5,000 – view them as fostering unfair competition.

House Gaming Oversight Committee Chairman Dante Santoni Jr., D-Berks, said he supports the expansion, which could potentially benefit a resort-license applicant that owns the Crowne Plaza Reading Hotel in Wyomissing, just outside Santoni's district.

Santoni said the bill would ensure that resort casinos can be profitable and generate millions more for the state treasury.

"I would support as many (slot machines) as we could get, but I understand the (negotiating) process, so if we could get up to 500, that's something I think I could live with," Santoni said.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, said the GOP sees no reason to change a limit that was clearly set to distinguish between the different types of casinos.

"The person who was awarded that license knew the restrictions when they received it," said the spokesman, Erik Arneson.

Earlier this year, state regulators awarded one resort casino license to the Valley Forge Convention Center in suburban Philadelphia, a hotel and exhibit complex owned by a group led by real estate investor Ira Lubert.

Gambling there is on hold while the state Supreme Court considers a legal challenge to the license. The board has not yet awarded the license being sought by the Crowne Plaza Reading.

In any case, the effort to revamp resort casinos is the latest turn in the Legislature's at-times messy foray into legalized casinos.

Initially, lawmakers justified the resort licenses as a way to help destination resorts – chiefly, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, 50 miles southeast of Pittsburgh – compete with establishments like West Virginia's Greenbrier that lure corporate retreats and well-heeled customers who like to gamble after a day of golf or meetings.

But Nemacolin's owners decided not to seek a slots license, saying the patrons-only requirement would make the enterprise unprofitable, given the $5 million license fee and a tax rate of more than 50 percent.

Meanwhile, the bucolic resorts that lawmakers thought would line up for the resort licenses are nowhere to be found.

Instead, a class of unforeseen applicant – owners of suburban hotels with barely any amenities – may end up claiming both resort licenses.

Nursing (FROM PAGE ONE)

people last year, up from 1.79 million in 2007, U.S. Census Bureau figures show.

Already this year, 24 states have cut funding for nursing home care and other health services needed by low-income people who are elderly or disabled, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonprofit research firm based in Washington, D.C.

Some facilities are now closed because of money problems and others have laid off workers because of what industry officials say are inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates. Medicare cuts are troubling, they say, because the higher Medicare reimbursements have been used to compensate for the lower Medicaid rates.

In Griswold, Conn., the community's only nursing home shut down earlier this year because of rising costs and an inability to pay for $4.9 million in needed renovations for the 90-bed facility.

"A 92-year-old woman was screaming and crying as she was loaded into the ambulance, saying 'This is my home,'" Griswold First Selectman Philip Anthony said.

His 88-year-old mother was a resident of the same home at the time.

Anthony sought and found a new facility for his mother, but she died of pneumonia before the Griswold Health and Rehabilitation Center closed in the spring.

"To be hit with a sudden and deliberate closure like this, it just drained the heart right out of you," Anthony said.

Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell and state lawmakers gave no Medicaid rate increases to nursing homes in the state last fiscal year and kept the funding flat for the next two years.

The Griswold home was one of four nursing homes in the state that have closed since December because of financial problems, a higher rate than usual, said Deborah Chernoff, a spokeswoman for District 1199 of the New England Health Care Employees Union in Connecticut, which represents more than 20,000 health care workers in the state.

"We're really teetering on the edge of what we see as the collapse of the long-term care system," she said.

Chernoff said many of Connecticut's 240 or so nursing homes have been reducing workers' hours to deal with money problems, while two are in bankruptcy now.

Also this year across the country:

■ The Motion Picture & Television Fund said in January it would close a hospital and nursing home in Woodland Hills, Calif., founded to care for actors and other entertainment industry workers, because of financial losses.

■ The Westchester Medical Center in suburban New York said it would close a nursing home and cut 400 jobs to deal with Medicaid and other fund cuts.

■ The Dove Health Care nursing home in Glendale, Wis., near Milwaukee, closed this summer because of heavy debt.

■ Medicaid reimbursement rates to nursing homes were cut this year by Rhode Island (5 percent); Michigan (4 percent) and Florida (3 percent).

■ Washington state legislators whacked nursing home funding by $93 million for the next two fiscal years.

Gary Weeks, executive director of the Washington Health Care Association, said some of the organization's 400 assisted living and nursing homes have laid off workers. Some will not survive, he said.

At the request of Weeks' association, a federal judge in July issued a temporary restraining order blocking the cuts because state officials didn't do a required analysis of how the reductions would affect care quality and access.

"There's a lot of pain going on everywhere, but it's clearly a crisis in long-term care," Weeks said.

"You're going to find that some folks go out of business," he said. "Some will look for more Medicare patients – Medicare pays more than Medicaid."

In Washington, D.C., health care interests are resisting President Barack Obama's plan to pay for his health care overhaul by slowing Medicaid and Medicare spending. Obama wants to trim $313 billion from the two programs over 10 years.

It's not clear exactly how all the health spending cuts will affect nursing homes.

A University of Pittsburgh study earlier this year found nearly 1,800 nursing homes nationwide closed from 1999 to 2005, about 2 percent each year.

One of the study's authors, health policy and management professor Nick Castle, said the annual closure rate is rising, for reasons that include inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates and the push for more home and community care.

"It's come to a head recently with state budgets being in such jeopardy that they're cutting in all areas," Castle said.

The federal stimulus package approved in February includes $87 billion in Medicaid funding to help states. But Connecticut and several other states are using a loophole in the legislation to divert the money to budget items unrelated to health care, according to a congressional study.

On average, Medicaid payments by states to nursing homes fell short by $12 per patient, per day last year – nearly $4.2 billion in unreimbursed costs for Medicaid-allowed expenses, according to the AHCA.

In New York City, the Metropolitan Jewish Health System laid off about 200 of its 1,000 employees at three nursing homes in Brooklyn because the state cut Medicaid funding by 10 percent to 14 percent, said President and Chief Executive Eli Feldman.

"We understand there's a recession/depression," Feldman said. "But this is not health reform ... and the victims are basically the people who live in the facilities. The Legislature basically says, 'Too sick, too old, too bad.'"

Valley briefs

Expressway traffic faces stoppabges

The Pennsylvania Turnpike advises motorists that there will be two intermittent traffic stoppages Tuesday on the Mon/Fayette Expressway near the Jefferson Hills Toll Plaza in Allegheny County.

The stoppages will take place in the southbound lanes between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and will last a minimum of 15 minutes but will not exceed 30 minutes.

Traffic will be stopped to allow for the placement of new structure-mounted signs alerting customers of the availability of the new highway-speed, "Express E-ZPass" lanes at the Jefferson Hills toll facility.

WCCC enrollment hits record high

Westmoreland County Community College's fall enrollment reached 7,103 - a record high.

And more than half of those students are enrolled full time, marking the first instance in which full-time students outnumber those taking classes part time, according to school administrators.

To accommodate the numbers, the trustees approved the purchase of 20 Dell Optiplex 760 microcomputers for $17,510.80 and 12 port switches from CDW-G for $34,606 to create an overflow computer lab in the library.

During peak class times, the computer resource center is at capacity, college spokeswoman Anna Marie Palatella said, and computer usage increases as the semester progresses.

In addition, the trustees approved the purchase of patient simulators from Laerdal Medical Group to benefit the nursing program.

The simulators' audiotaping and physiological monitoring of training sessions enables faculty to assess students' competency and assist with remediation. Federal funds will cover the $39,388 cost.

The board also approved the purchase of a $31,426 Toro Groundmaster to replace the school's 33-year-old tractor.

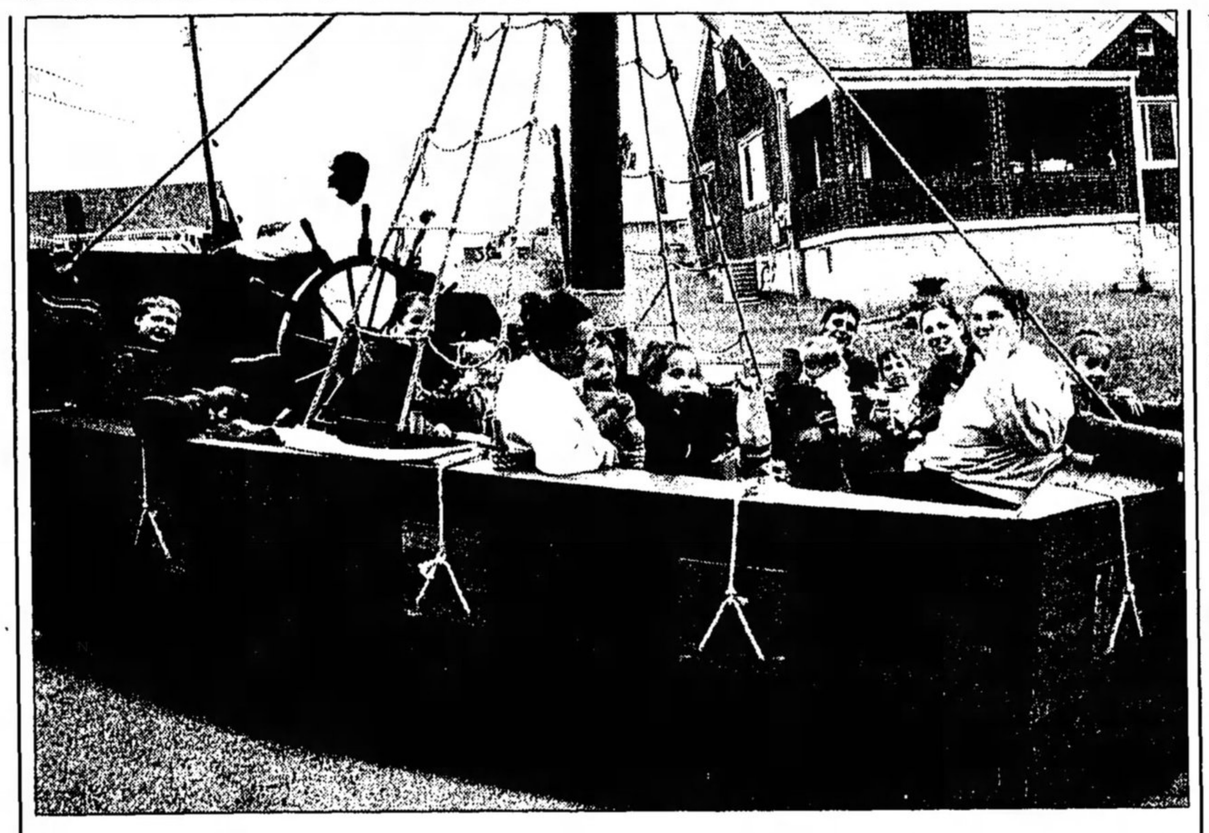
The machine can be used for grass cutting and snow removal on the Hempfield campus walkways.

Onorato to launch gubernatorial run

Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato today was scheduled to launch his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The 48-year-old is in his second term as county executive and was formerly a Pittsburgh councilman and county controller.

Onorato will compete with Philadelphia businessman Tom Knox, Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty and Montgomery County Commissioner Joel Hoeffel for the 2010 nomination.



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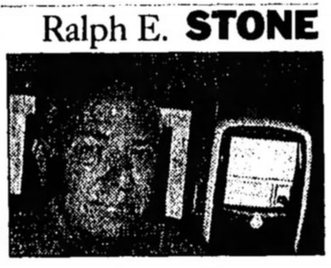
Children of all ages seemed to enjoy the pirate ship that was part of the annual Harvest Festival at the Great Pumpkin Patch in Monessen during the weekend. The annual event featured a variety of rides and contests, a petting zoo and lots of food. Proceeds from the event benefit the Salvation Army's Mon Valley Citadel. Additional images from the event can be seen on Page 9A.

Autumn another Valley gem

Ralph E. **STONE**



Children's laughter and the sounds of tiny voices are shouting across the Mid-Mon Valley school grounds. Yellow school buses are picking up and dropping off a variety of youngsters, ranging from tiny tot kindergarteners to grown-up teenagers.

Refs' whistles have blown marking the start of football season, and pumpkins are beginning to appear at road side stands.

In short, our Mid-Mon Valley summer has vanished and been replaced by the less humid winds of autumn.

Our autumnal season is always a treat. In fact, it is such a treat that, like our summers, it also qualifies as a precious gem.

Labeling it a gem, of course, requires some definition.

Let's therefore take a look at the events and trappings that make our fall season an attractive ruby set within a chest full of other jewels.

For openers, the coming of September brings about newness for many. This is especially true for those aforementioned younger generations, ranging from eager-eyed five year olds to those who are entering their early 20s.

I can personally attest to the excitement of adventure that each autumn brought into my own life during those early decades, and I'll bet that many older readers will also vouch to this truth.

Even though we loved our summer vacations, by the time September rolled around, most of us were excited over the prospect of a new school year.

Many thoughts would go through our heads.

What would our classes be like?

Would we have good teachers?

Who would be in our classes?

Would that good-looking girl or boy who just moved into the neighborhood be in any of my classes and will she or he give me a second look?

The entire scenario was a great, new adventure as we anticipated the potentials.

For kindergarteners and first graders, the adventure was even more dramatic.

We were leaving mom and dad at home for the very first time in our lives. We would be like the "big" kids now, marching off to school each morning.

The transition from elementary to junior high (now middle school) was also a hurdle to cross. Would we understand all those new math and foreign language courses? Would we be able to find our classrooms?

Many boys hoped to make the football or basketball squads, while some of the girls dreamed of becoming cheerleaders or majorettes.

We all wanted to do better in school this year and now, with a brand new page being turned, we would have the opportunity to do so.

It was - and still is - a time when we got new clothes and many of us could not wait to show off that new outfit. It was an adventure filled with uncertainty, yet tinged with excitement. Most of us couldn't wait for it to begin.

Today's children are not that much different. They may be loaded down with a backpack instead of pencil boxes and book bags. Their many courses will center on computers, and the girls and boys clothes alike will be extremely different. The attitude, however, is the same. With each autumn comes the first day of school, new beginnings and new hopes.

Those who have graduated from high school also experience the thrill of a new world. For some, it means the opportunity of a college education and their first genuine experience away from home. For others, the adult work world beckons, while some opt for a military experience. It is, indeed, a brave new world for these eighteen-, nineteen- and twenty-year-old explorers.

For parents and grandparents, the experience is also new. Young parents are escorting Susie or Johnny to the corner bus stop for the first time. The cute toddler stage has ended and a new form of parental pride takes over as we share each new success with our little boys and girls.

For many of the middle-aged parents, the "empty nest" syndrome has arrived. Those little boys and girls have become young men and women out to seek a life of their own.

That means more time for our own plans. Educational pursuits, travel, hobbies and other personal interests are options we may choose.

For children of all ages, autumn brings new opportunities and a special excitement of entering new worlds.

Along with those school bells, autumn also ushers in the football season. This Valley, a long-time hot bed for high school football, always looks forward to that opening kickoff. In addition to the support we give our local high school and college teams, a glorious array of black and gold jackets, sweaters and t-shirts are displayed on our backs. Also, store fronts are promoting the latest fashions as our Steelers seek their seventh super bowl ring. (Six is nice, but seven is heaven!)

Yes, autumn means football and football here in the

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top nesw happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Szakal convicted of killings - Gerald Szakal will spend the rest of his life behind bars for killing Howard and Nancy Springer in their Carroll Township home.

The Webster man was found guilty of second-degree homicide by a Washington County jury on Thursday - the third-day of deliberations.

Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani, who grew up next door to the Springers and remains close to the family, said they were very pleased with the verdict.

"With the verdict, they're able to move forward," Toprani said.

Szakal was convicted of fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, retired teacher Nancy Springer, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

The prosecution contended that Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home.

The prosecution contended during the trial Szakal murdered them because their business logs could have proven he committed the thefts.

In addition to the two counts of homicide – one for each victim - Szakal was also convicted of two counts each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit robbery.

The jury found Szakal not guilty of two counts each of conspiracy to commit homicide and tampering with evidence.

Monessen mom to stand trial - A Monessen woman will stand trial for criminal homicide for the death of her 7-month-old son who was left unattended in a bathtub.

Seairia D. Henderson, 22, of 328 Highland Manor, cried as her friends testified during her preliminary hearing Friday that she was outside when her son, Malachi, and 2-year-old daughter, Ahreah, were left alone in an upstairs bathtub Sept. 11.

Malachi died two days later at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Monessen police arrested Henderson Sept. 22, a week after burying her son, and charged her with criminal homicide, and two counts each of endangering the welfare of children and recklessly endangering another person.

Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso ordered her held for court on all charges during the emotional preliminary hearing.

BVA tax refunds coming - The Belle Vernon Area School Board last Monday promised to refund a small percentage of a slots revenue tax credit erroneously withheld when homeowners paid real estate taxes early this year.

More than 5,000 district residents submitted applications last year under the Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Act so they could - for the first time - receive real estate tax rebates from slots revenue.

Resident Richard Margie last month came to the school board meeting complaining that 2 percent was withheld from his credit.

The deadline for early payment was Sept. 30.

School board President Dale Patterson said each taxpayer who paid early is entitled to $3.31 the district will now distribute.

Body found in Charleroi

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A badly decomposed body was discovered abouyt 5 p.m. Sunday inside 506 Lincoln Ave., Charleroi.

An unidentified man told Charleroi police he read a sign on the side of the house, felt it might be for sale and knocked on the door to inquire about the property.

When no one answered, he hollered "hello" and then proceeded into the abandoned structure.

He discovered the body in an upstairs bedroom, lying on the floor.

The body was of a man, but police do not yet know his age.

Authorities hope to identify the body by using dental and possibly fingerprinting records.

Charleroi police Superintendent Mike Matyas said the home had been vacant for nearly three months.

Matyas said authorities do not suspect foul play, but are "covering all our bases" in their investigation of the death.

Police do not yet know how the body got into the house, Matyas said.

An autopsy will be conducted, possibly as early as today.

State police records and identification personnel were called in to assist in the investigation.

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DEATH NOTICES

ALLRIDGE — Shirley "Darleen" Allridge, 79, of Monongahela, on Sunday, Oct. 4. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

BRITT — Carole (MacDonnell) Britt, 76, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Fairhope, on Friday, Oct. 2. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

D'VORCHAK — Veronica Suzanne D'Vorchak, 91, of Monessen, formerly of Bentleyville, on Friday, Oct. 2. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

HENDRY — Barbara Garcia Hendry, 83, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Elizabeth Township, on Friday, Oct. 2. Paul E. Bekavac Funeral Home, Elizabeth.*

LOUTTIT — C. Stanley Louttit, 81, of Monongahela, on Saturday, Oct. 3. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

McCLINTOCK — Cecilia V. (Leonard) McClintock, 96, of Belle Vernon, Washington Township, on Saturday, Oct. 3. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

MYERS — William T. Myers, 70, of Jefferson Township, Perryopolis, on Friday, Oct. 2. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

PREVIOUS DEATH

TOKAR, Joseph R. Sr.*

* See death notice

Shirley "Darleen" Allridge

Monongahela

Shirley "Darleen" Allridge,79, of Monongahela, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. Born May 20, 1930, in Monongahela, she was the daughter of the late of Clyde and Juletta (O'Connor) Ruse. A homemaker, she was a graduate of Monongahela High School and a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Monongahela. Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law: Robert J. "Archie" and Toni Allridge, and Michael P. and Kellie Allridge all of Charleroi; John S. Allridge of Monongahela; two daughters and sons-in-law: Tracie L. and Sturgis Gillingham of Monongahela and LuAnn Allridge-Browning and husband, Michael of Eighty-Four; one brother, Bill Ruse of Bentleyville; and a sister, Mollie Kotecki of Finleyville; eight grandchildren: Jennifer FitzGerald, Bart, Jacob and Tyler Allridge, Cori and Jordan Gillingham and Sara and Jodi Winkelvoss and a sister-in-law, Loretta Ruse of Bentleyville. Preceding her in death were her husband, John A. Allridge who died March 15, 2005; a brother, Bud Ruse; and three sisters: June Aiello, Betty Hanratty and Patty Myers. Friends will be received in the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess Street (724-258-6767). Monongahela, from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday where a blessing service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Father George Chortos officiating. Entombment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery (Carroll Township). Contributions can be made to the Valley Inn V.F.D., 28 Orchard Lane, Monongahela, PA 15063 .

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Carole MacDonnell Macko Britt

Belle Vernon (Fairhope)

Carole MacDonnell Macko Britt, 76, of Belle Vernon (Fairhope), died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, at 2:04 a.m. at Mon Valley Care Center, Carroll Township. Born March 27, 1933, in Charleroi, she was the daughter of the late Harold J. and Audrey Lillian Mitchner MacDonnell. A resident of Fairhope, Mrs. Britt was a telephone operator from Belle Telephone and many answering services in the Mon Valley. She is preceded in death by her husband Elmer L. Britt Jr. Private visitation and funeral services are entrusted to the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, 724-929-6183. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in memory of Carole Britt to SPCA or the Humane Society. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Barbara Garcia Hendry

Belle Vernon Formerly of Elizabeth Township

Barbara Garcia Hendry, 83, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Elizabeth Township, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in Arden Court, Jefferson Hills. She was born September 20, 1926, in McKeesport, a daughter of the late John Lovas and Esther (Csoma) Lovas. She worked as a sales clerk for 30 years retiring from Sears Roebuck in West Mifflin. Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Alvarez and husband, Tony of Belle Vernon; and a son, Ron Garcia and wife, Robin of Largo, Fla.; four grandchildren: Brad (Donna) Garcia of Cranberry Township, Angela Garcia of Athens, Ga., Anthony Alvarez of Belle Vernon, and Stephanie Alvarez of Phoenix, Az.; two great-grandchildren: Alex and Zachary Garcia and nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Hendry. Friends will be received today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME, 221 Second St., Elizabeth. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 10. a.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. William Heaton officiating. Interment Mount Vernon Cemetery, Elizabeth Township. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1100 Liberty Ave., Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, PA.15222. www.bekavacfuneralhome.com.

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C. Stanley Louttit

Monongahela

C. Stanley Louttit, 81, of Monongahela, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born on Jan. 31, 1928, in New Eagle, a son of James Peterson and Effie Tissue Louttit.Stanley and his wife, Pauline, owned and operated Louttit Transfer and then Tara Trucking for numerous years in Monongahela. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Henry M. Phillips Lodge 337 F&AM, B.P.O. Elks Lodge 455, all of Monongahela, the Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter Antique Truck Club of America and the National Pike Steam, Gas and Horse Association of Brownsville. He was a former member of the Syria Temple and the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh. He is survived by his son, James and wife Marsha Louttit of New Eagle; two granddaughters, Tara and husband Chas Fine and Ashley Louttit; a great granddaughter, Megan Fine; and a sister, Joann and husband Steele Klingensmith of Birmingham, Ala. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Marie Louttit who died July 8, 2009; and two brothers, Hugh Wesley and Hudson Louttit. Friends will be received on Tuesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME, INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela, where services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Milinovich officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in the Monongahela Cemetery. The Henry M. Phillips Lodge 337 F&AM will conduct services Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

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Cecilia V. (Leonard) McClintock

Belle Vernon (Washington Twp.)

Cecilia V. Leonard McClintock, 96, of Belle Vernon, (Washington Township), died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at 9:45 a.m. at Mon Valley Care Center. Born January 13, 1913, in Brownsville, she was the daughter of the late John and Ella Steganius Leonard. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, Mrs. McClintock was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church and was a homemaker. She was a charter member of the former Catholic Daughters of the Americas Belle Vernon Court 1522, the former Belle Vernon Womens Club and the St. Sebastian Legion of Mary.She is survived by two sons and daughter-in-law, Donald McClintock of Belle Vernon, Robert and Judy McClintock of Englewood, Ohio; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond F. McClintock; a son, Jack McClintock; two sisters, Mary Watson and Veronica Novak; two brothers, Lawrence and James Leonard; and a daughter-in-law, Gloria McClintock. Visitation will be held Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon 724-929-6183. Prayer Service will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home followed by funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church. Interment will take place in West Newton Cemetery.Members of St. Sebastian parish will pray the rosary for the departed soul of Cecelia McClintock Monday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.The family suggests memorial contributions be made in memory of Cecilia V. McClintock to St. Sebastian school. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

William T. Myers

Jefferson Township, Perryopolis

William T. Myers, 70, of Jefferson Township, Perryopolis, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in his residence. He was born July 7, 1939, in Youngstown, Westmoreland County, a son of the late John A. Myers and the late Hazel Irene Herr Myers. He was a retired police officer for the state of Virginia. Surviving are his wife, Thelma Morris Dunseath Myers and daughter, Gail Scott. of South Carolina; two brothers, Edward Myers, of California, and Richard Myers of Latrobe.; step grandchildren: James Dunseath, Jr., Debbie Dunseath, David Dunseath, Diane Byers, April M. Gnus and Dennis Norqui; and eight step grandchildren. Friends will he received in the ELEY/MCCRORY FUNERAL HOME, INC., Main Street, Fayette City on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will take place at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Michael Shepard officiating. www.eleyniccroryfuneralhome.com

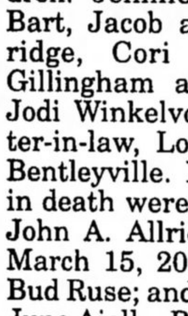
Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph R. Tokar Sr.

Charleroi

Joseph R. Tokar, Sr, 84, of Charleroi, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at the North Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, Pittsburgh. He was born on March 29, 1925, in Fallowfield Township, a son of the late Matthew and Susanna Jagercik Tokar Sr. Mr. Tokar was a member, deacon and elder of the Charlerol Presbyterian Church. He had served as the secretary of the Sunday school. Mr. Tokar was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy, a member of the Monongahela Valley Ship Mates and the Charleroi American Legion Post 22. He retired in 1987 from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Monessen Plant. Surviving is his wife of 61 years, Mary E. "Bette" Wilson Tokar; three sons, Albert A. Sr., Joseph R. Jr., and Arthur E.; one daughter, Myra Leigh Tokar; six grandchildren, Philip, Nancy L., Albert A. III, Morgan, Alexandra and Nicole; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha, Kilee and Zackery; and one sister, Margaret Sveda. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Mr. Tokar is preceded in death by five brothers, Frank, Michael, John, Matthew Jr., and Edward; four sisters Agnes, Susan, Mary and an infant and two grandsons Troy and Albert A. II. Friends will be received Monday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Mark Woomer officating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park. Condolences for the family are being accepted on-line at www.schrock-hogan.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.



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Sadly missed by
Bob & Kathleen Kelemon and the Monessen High School Class of 1964

Stone (FROM PAGE THREE)

Mid-Mon is like a second religion. In fact, football is so closely associated with this area that it shall be treated as a gem of its own in an upcoming column.

For now, however, we will move on to other qualities of our fall season, making it the gem that it is.

As we begin to put away our summer shorts, Hawaiian shirts and summer pastels, we begin to see more flannels, tweeds, sweaters and autumn-colored clothes.

Speaking of color, October brings with it a splash of brilliance that many other areas of this vast nation can only dream about. Of course, I speak of that period when our woods and forests are also putting on a change of clothing. The cool, green-colored leaves of summer change into brilliant golds, oranges, reds and purples. It's a time when the mountainsides of southwestern Pennsylvania display their finest. An often-repeated quote advises us all to take some time "to smell the roses." The advice I offer is to take time this October to view and touch the autumn leaves. They are one of the very special gifts God has placed here for our enjoyment. If you're unable to take a drive into our nearby mountains, take a walk through one of our parks. Monessen's City Park, Palmer Park in Donora or Cedar Creek Park are a few spots where Mother Nature displays her finest. Even when the brilliant colors begin to fade and the leaves slowly but surely, begin to drift to earth, they can still be a source of joy.

Take a walk through one of the previously mentioned parks, your own backyard or surrounding neighborhoods. The clear, crisp winds of autumn coupled with the crunching sound of dried leaves beneath your feet resonates the special message that God's masterpiece surrounds us.

Take a deep breath as you walk and inhale the scents of what I believe to be the most marvelous of our four seasons.

Try to remember your days of carefree childhood when you and your friends gleefully jumped into a huge pile of those dry, crackling autumn leaves and re-live the thrill it brought.

A controlled bonfire, using those leaves, is another plus for the season. The sights, sounds and aromas of an autumn fire are an invigorating experience and, while you're at it, a few roasted hot dogs or marshmallows may just do the trick. It's also a good time to invite the grandchildren over to join you.

Finally, the gems of autumn include our Octoberfest Harvest Season, the sights and sounds of Halloween and the family reunions and renewals of Thanksgiving.

Autumn, and especially October, is a time for decorating lawns with cornstalks, bales of hay, scarecrows and freshly-harvested pumpkins and gourds. It's a time for homemade apple pies, hot chocolates and farewells to our feathered friends as they migrate south.

As Halloween approaches, many of those pumpkins are carved into Jack – O-Lanterns with smiling lit faces. Trick or treat will bring a variety of ghosts, goblins, fairies and princesses knocking at our doors for special treats.

The following month of November ushers in Thanksgiving - a holiday that is sometimes hidden between the more secular advertised Halloween and Christmas.

To me and my family, and I hope your own, it has a very special meaning. It is a time to thank God for all the gifts He has surrounded us with. As we thank and recommit our love to that generous God, we also recommit our love for each other.

Of course, the feasting is a part of this great celebration. The turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, the cranberry sauce and, of course, pumpkin pie, are all a part of this magical treasure.

Put all these elements - from the school days to that Thanksgiving feast - together into one beautifully wrapped package, and it spells autumn - a wonderful time of the year to be living here in our Mid-Mon Valley.

It is indeed a gem to be cherished.

VALLEY POLICE LOG

Monongahela

■ David Michael Nagel, 37, of 171 First Ave., New Eagle, was charged with public drunkenness, 5:30 p.m. Sunday on Dry Run Road.

■ Joseph Anthony, 46, of 631 Park St., Monongahela, was charged with harassment in connection with an incident 2:30 a.m. Aug. 30 at Hey Andy's Bar.

■ Brian Mark Cooper, 30, of 421 Chess St., Monongahela, was charged with violating an emergency protection-from-abuse order, 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ Justin Michael Secrist, 20, 707 Ninth St., Monongahela, and Jordan Paul Henderson, 19, of 601 Sheridan St, Monongahela, were charged with endangering the welfare of children, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, criminal conspiracy and harassment, 1 a.m. Saturday in 600 block of Sheridan Street.

■ Tracy Alan Campbell, 52, of 180 Morton St., Monongahela, was charged with DUI, and failing to use turn signals, and driving while operating privileges suspended or revoked as conditions of ARD, in connection with an incident 4 a.m. Sept 19, on Marne Avenue, New Eagle.

■ Paul Leonard Schmak, 24, of 7067 Lawrence Road, Bethel Park, was charged with DUI, and driving while operating privileges suspended or revoked, public drunkenness and accidents involving damage to unattended vehicles or property 4:30 a.m. Sept. 29, on Washington Avenue in Finleyville.

Rostraver Township

■ Michael Cieslinski, 45, of 925 Amelia St., Belle Vernon, was charged with driving under the influence and hit-and-run after an incident 6:37 p.m. Sept. 18 on Chickee Lane in Belle Vernon.

■ Larry Michael Harger Jr., 19, of 72 Pennsylvania Ave., Monessen, was charged with simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and harassment after an incident 2 a.m. Sept. 12 at 221 Johnson Ave. in Pricedale.

NBV paving project delayed

A paving and milling project in North Belle Vernon will not begin until Oct. 12.

The project, which was originally scheduled to begin today, has been delayed a week.

The parking signs in place will remain, but parking will be permitted on Speer, Arch, Grant, Baltimore, Locust, Vernon and Ella Streets until Oct. 12, when the project is expected to begin.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 5

Today is Monday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 2009. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Oct. 5, 1921, the World Series was carried on radio for the first time as Newark, N.J., station WJZ (later WABC) relayed a telephoned play-by-play account of the first game from the Polo Grounds, where the New York Giants were facing the New York Yankees, to a studio announcer who repeated the information on the air. (Although the Yankees won the opener, 3-0, the Giants won the series, 5-3.)

On this date:

■ In 1829, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Alan Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt. (Some sources list 1830.)

■ In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

■ In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon completed the first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in Washington state some 41 hours after leaving Japan.

■ In 1947, President Harry S. Truman delivered the first televised White House address as he spoke on the world food crisis.

■ In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

■ In 1958, racially desegregated Clinton High School in Clinton, Tenn., was mostly leveled by an early morning bombing.

■ In 1969, the British TV comedy program "Monty Python's Flying Circus" made its debut on BBC 1.

■ In 1970, British trade commissioner James Richard Cross was kidnapped in Canada by militant Quebec separatists; he was released the following December.

■ In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

■ **Ten years ago:** It was announced that MCI WorldCom Inc. had agreed to pay $115 billion for Sprint Corp. (However, the deal collapsed less than a year later amid regulators' objections.)

■ **Five years ago**: Vice President Dick Cheney and Democratic rival John Edwards slugged it out over Iraq, jobs and each other's judgment in their one and only debate of the 2004 campaign.

■ **One year ago**: In the wake of the global financial meltdown, Germany said it would follow suit with Ireland and Greece in guaranteeing all private bank accounts. Producer and TV personality Lloyd Thaxton died in Los Angeles at age 81.

Associated Press

In this Sept. 29 file photo, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, of Nevada, right, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington as Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., left, and newly-named Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, center, listen. With the Senate Finance Committee on the verge of approving a sweeping health overhaul bill Tuesday, the path might appear open for action by the full Senate. But Reid has a tough task ahead in finalizing the health care bill.

Dem leader facing tough job in crafting health overhaul bill

"There isn't any one thing, there are lots of things we're going to have to work on," acknowledged Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Forget mission accomplished. Try mission seemingly impossible.

With the Senate Finance Committee on the verge of approving a sweeping health overhaul bill Tuesday, the path might appear open for action by the full Senate.

Not so fast.

First the Finance Committee bill must be combined with a more liberal version that the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee wrapped up this summer.

This merger is so rare that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has never attempted it on any piece of legislation — much less one as complex as President Barack Obama's top legislative priority.

The senator from Searchlight, Nev., will need plenty of guiding light.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., had a one-word description of Reid's task: "Tough."

Said Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico: "He's on the hot seat."

"I don't even want to think about it," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "What a daunting challenge."

Everything about health overhaul legislation seems to be unusually complicated, but this process is particularly so because of the disparities between the bills and Obama's goal of keeping the cost at $900 billion over 10 years. Reid won't go it alone; he will get some help from the White House and the committee chairmen.

"It's not going to be one silver bullet," Reid said.

"There isn't any one thing, there are lots of things we're going to have to work on," he added.

The two bills diverge on some of the thorniest issues, perhaps most notably on the question of whether the government should sell insurance to compete with private industry.

The health committee bill has the government-run plan; the finance bill does not.

The health committee bill offers substantially more generous subsidies to low-income people to help them buy coverage than the finance committee bill.

The finance committee bill proposes a new tax on high-value health insurance plans that the health committee bill doesn't include, since the health committee didn't have to deal with paying the bill.

Reid must resolve all those issues and more over the next week or so to come up with a single bill to bring to the Senate floor.

In its broad contours, the legislation would expand coverage to about 95 percent of Americans with a new requirement for individuals to purchase insurance.

The costs would be borne partly by hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts in projected Medicare and Medicaid spending. Policies would be available — for those who have coverage and those who don't — through so-called insurance exchanges.

But many of the details are unresolved and it's Reid's job to decide. Every step of the way he must ensure that the choices he's making keep 60 senators happy, or at least on board.

That's how many votes it takes to advance legislation in the 100-member Senate.

Any one change could lose a senator, and losing even one could be fatal.

Move too far to the left and a moderate Democrat like Ben Nelson of Nebraska could rebel. Too far to the right, and a liberal like Ron Wyden of Oregon could be alienated.

And then there's perhaps the most important senator of all, Olympia Snowe of Maine, virtually the only Republican seen as a possible "yes" vote on the health care bill. Reid will need to bring her along every step of the way.

The process has already started in the congressional and White House staffs.

Beginning this week it will shift into high gear with Reid personally involved with a handful of key senators including Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., health committee chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., who led the health committee consideration of the overhaul bill.

Snowe is expected to be closely consulted, and White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel likely will participate in the meetings.

They'll meet in Reid's stately office on the second floor of the Capitol and elsewhere.

Obama will likely call wavering Democrats and shore up support, as he did all last week with members of the Finance Committee.

It's still not clear what the product will look like finally, including whether it embraces any version of a government-run plan.

Whatever it looks like, it will face a barrage of amendments once it gets to the Senate floor, and it could easily go down in flames like former President Bill Clinton's attempt at a health care overhaul in 1994.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Report questions bank rescue claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The credibility of the government's $700 billion financial rescue program was damaged by claims a year ago that all of the initial banks receiving support were healthy, a new report contends.

Special Inspector General Neil Barofsky generally found that the government had acted properly in October 2008 as it scrambled to implement the Troubled Asset Relief Program to avert the collapse of the U.S. financial system.

But the report said that then-Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and other officials were wrong to contend at an Oct. 14 press conference that all nine institutions receiving the first round of support — $125 billion — were sound.

"These are healthy institutions, and they have taken this step for the good of the economy," Paulson had declared at the time.

Barofsky said that the fact that Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. soon required billions in additional assistance highlighted the inaccuracy of that claim and raised questions about the whole effort. In addition, Merrill Lynch, which was also in the original nine, was in the process of being acquired by Bank of America because of its weakening financial position.

"Statements that are less than careful or forthright — like those made in this case — may ultimately undermine the public's understanding and support," the report said.

"This loss of public support could damage the government's credibility and have long-term unintended consequences that actually hamper the government's ability to respond to crises," it added.

More soldiers killed in Afghan fighting

KABUL (AP) — Bombs killed two NATO troopers, including one American, following the deadliest attack against U.S. forces in Afghanistan in more than a year, military officials said today.

A NATO statement said a U.S. soldier died of wounds suffered in a bombing Sunday in southern Afghanistan.

The statement said a second service member died of wounds in a roadside bombing this morningy, also in the south, but the victim's nationality was not released.

At least 16 U.S. service members have been killed in Afghanistan so far this month — matching the American death toll for all of October in 2008.

The latest deaths followed a fierce weekend assault on a pair of remote outposts in which eight U.S. service members were killed.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player wins 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG – One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $125,000.

Lottery officials said 26 players matched four numbers and won $547 each; 1,565 players matched three numbers and won $15 each; and 21,438 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA LOTTERY — PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	1-3-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-8-8
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-5-6-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-5-6-4
QUINTO:	4-2-7-7-4
QUINTO:	8-2-9-1-0
TREASURE HUNT:	1-7-10-12-13
CASH 5:	29-30-32-34-37
POWERBALL:	12-24-48-50-57
Powerball:	22 Powerplay: 3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	7-9-3 3-3-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	0-8-8-3
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-8-9-3
QUINTO:	5-8-6-4-9
QUINTO:	0-4-4-7-5
TREASURE HUNT:	15-17-26-29-30
CASH 5:	2-25-29-33-40

OHIO LOTTERY — OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-2-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-9-5
DAY PICK 4:	4-6-6-3
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-3-0-2
ROLLING CASH 5:	3-12-13-22-36
CLASSIC LOTTO:	1-13-14-15-20-35

WEST VIRGINIA LOTTERY — WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

DAILY 3:	9-6-4
DAILY 4:	4-4-4-7
HOT LOTTO:	21-32-37-38-39 HB 1

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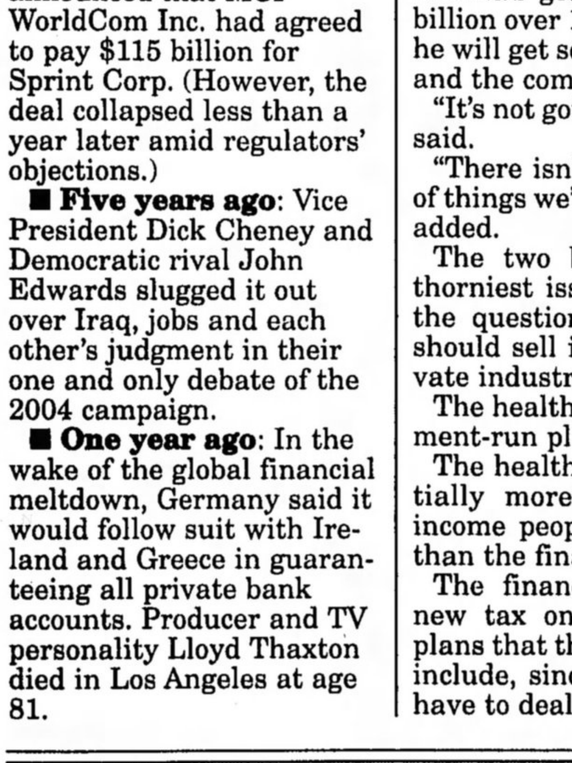

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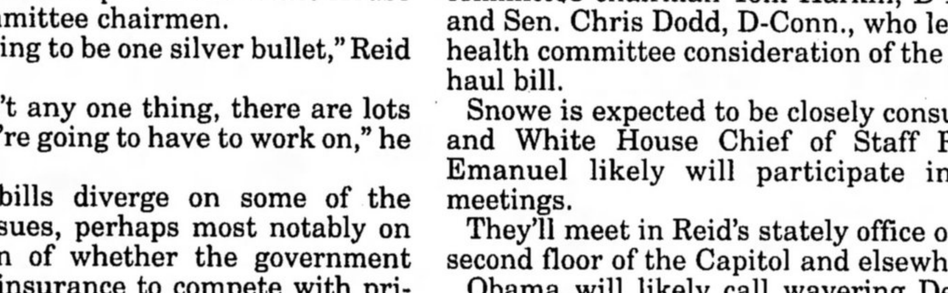

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OUR OPINION

Longer days won't fix education

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S latest lesson plan — better student learning through a longer school calendar — fails to account for some elementary considerations in its application.

Namely, the unintended consequences, which are significant.

The costs to school districts, both in staffing and in facility upgrades — things like air conditioning for hot classrooms in summertime — would be extensive. Teacher contracts likely would have to be renegotiated.

And the money families save for vacations, which would be curtailed or canceled? Well, somebody has to pay for the higher cost of longer school sessions.

Meanwhile industries that rely on vacation travelers will take a hit. And summer businesses that employ lower-cost teenage workers would have to find more costly alternatives.

All this, when the academic benefits of longer school sessions are vague at best. Florida's Miami-Dade public schools, for example, launched an extended school-year program in 2004. The initiative was dropped four years later because of limited results, according to a Fox News report.

Lengthening the time students spend in classrooms, in itself, doesn't promote better learning. School choice does — by increasing competition among schools for education dollars, rewarding schools that excel and eliminating those that don't.

Obama doesn't need to reinvent the school calendar to achieve the proven education benefits of school choice.

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ANOTHER VIEW

The Ledger, Lakeland, Fla., on Gov. Charlie Crist's new gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe:

Gov. Crist wants a special session to get the Legislature to ratify a new gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe. Under the terms of the proposed compact, the state would get a nice cut of the tribe's action; an estimated $6.8 billion over the next 20 years.

But Senate President Jeff Atwater is reluctant to rush into a special session. He asks, in effect, "what's the hurry?"

The answer to that question may lie in a recent New York Times article suggesting that states may be reaching a "saturation point" in their attempts to collect gambling revenues in lieu of taxes.

"Casinos and lotteries in most states are reporting a downturn in revenue for the first time, resulting in a drop in the money collected by state and local governments "the Times reported.

The Times quoted Lucy Dadayan, senior analyst with the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government thusly: "The data shows that states take a real chance depending on gambling because this revenue is not likely to keep pace with growing budgetary needs. In the absence of new types of gambling, it can become a zero-sum gain as states compete for the same pot."

Hence Gov. Crist's rush. Florida may already be nearing a saturation point. Recently, the Florida Lottery introduced vending machines in an attempt to keep milking a gambling cow that may already be running dry. ...

Gambling is ultimately a sucker's bet. The problem is, there may not be enough suckers to go around.

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Perverse moralism

Rich **LOWRY**

"Rosemary's Baby" ("outdoes Hitchcock" — Roger Ebert), "Chinatown" ("outstanding" — Variety) and "The Pianist" ("definitive" — The New York Times) are fine films. They have been rightly honored and praised. The question is whether their excellence justifies criminal acts.

The controversy over director Roman Polanski's arrest in Switzerland on his way to a film festival exposes a stark front in the culture war. The divide is not necessarily between right and left, but between an artistic elite that believes it deserves its own moral rules, and the rest of us who will never win the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival or be elected a member of the Academie des Beaux-Arts.

Beneath the farrago of euphemism about Polanski's 1970s-era crime (Whoopi Goldberg says it wasn't "rape-rape," even though he forced himself on a 13-year-old) and unconvincing sympathy-mongering (after he went on the lam in Europe decades ago, Washington Post columnist Anne Applebaum complains, "He could not return to Los Angeles to receive his recent Oscar"), there's one constant underlying plea: But he's an artist.

A Harvey Weinstein op-ed in the British paper The Independent begins, "Roman Polanski is a man who cares deeply about his art and its place in the world."

As if that's the most powerful point in his favor. Recounting the tragedies of Polanski's life, he notes, "In those circumstances, most people could not contribute to art." Then, he says of Polanski's friends, "They know that, at heart, he is a humanist."

It makes you wonder: Where does humanism go to get back its good name? None of this is relevant unless the art, and its presumed greatness, is itself considered a defense. Surely, even Harvey Weinstein wouldn't extend such license to the director of "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (no offense to Adam McKay). It's that Roman Polanski is a true auteur, and therefore transcends normal moral categories.

This tendency has a centuries-old pedigree. It dates back to the Romantic era when, in the words of historian Paul Johnson, Beethoven "first established and popularized the notion of the artist as universal genius, as a moral figure in his own right." But a peculiar kind of moral figure.

When Lord Byron cut a swath of sexual infamy across the Continent that might make even Polanski blush, he elevated transgression into a supreme artistic value. We've had artists aspiring to be perverse moralists ever since.

These are the kinds of people who consider Woody Allen a character witness. He is one of 100 members of the film "community" who have signed a fatuous petition calling for Polanski's release. "It seems inadmissible," it pouts, "that an international cultural event, paying homage to one of the greatest contemporary filmmakers, is used by the police to apprehend him." Film festivals are apparently islands of neutrality between wanted criminals and their police pursuers.

All of the great and good thought Polanski's arrest would be a teachable moment in the difference between European sophistication and American Puritanism. The French foreign minister — pulling out the rhetorical bazooka — said the arrest was "not nice," and the culture minister said it showed "a scary America." But simple bourgeois morality has made an unexpectedly strong showing, based on the unadorned facts. Polanski had not "merely" committed, as his defenders tried to portray it, statutory rape. He pled guilty to drugging and violating a 13-year-old girl against her will and then fled the country to escape the consequences.

Both The Washington Post and The New York Times have defended the arrest. Even the French government has tempered its initial reaction, describing Polanski as "neither above nor below the law."

That's news to the film community, for whom Polanski is permitted at least one long-ago rape of a child in exchange for the glories of his art.

Rarely has a class of people mustered a more damning indictment of its own putrid decadence.

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War crimes by doctors?

Nat **HENTOFF**

After I reported on documented evidence by Physicians for Human Rights that doctors and psychologists "were involved in every stage in the development, implementation and legitimization" of the CIA's torture operations, I saw a Sept. 6 Washington Post column, "From 'Do No Harm' to Torture," by this year's Pulitzer Prize winner for commentary, Eugene Robinson. He made the reasonable point: "the law should hold them (doctors and psychologists) accountable."

Eugene Robinson quoted James H. Bray, President of the American Psychological Association: "It is unthinkable that any psychologist could assert that stress positions, forced nudity, sleep deprivation, exploiting phobias, and waterboarding — along with other forms of torture techniques that the American Psychological Association has condemned and prohibited — cause no lasting damage to a human being's psyche."

And, in a letter that American Medical Association officials sent to President Obama in April, they stressed that doctors "must not monitor interrogations with the intention of intervening in the process, because this constitutes direct participation."

But will either the AMA or the APA join Physicians for Human Rights in calling for full investigation and accountability for these health professionals' actual participation in war crimes under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment — as well as the Geneva Conventions and the U.S. Torture Act?

And does Obama, in his yearning to look forward and not back, have anything to say about investigating war-crimes charges against these licensed guarantors of care of our bodies and psyches?

The United States signed the international treaties it violated.

The first national whistleblower on these accomplices in torture was Dr. Steven Miles, a practicing physician, professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a member of its Center for Bioethics. His book, "Oath Betrayed: America's Torture Doctors" (now available in paperback, University of California Press), also demanded accountability for those doctors and psychologists, but went much farther up the chain of command to target a very key official legitimizer of this torture policy.

On April 16, 2003, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld sent a memorandum, "Counter Resistance Techniques in the War on Terror," to the Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

Rumsfeld ordered a medical partnership of "counterresistance" — interrogation for 20 hours, which he approved, that included "deprivation of light and sound...." For any nation considering these techniques as inhuman, Rumsfeld declared that "provisions of the Geneva Convention are not applicable to Guantanamo detainees."

Now, here in the memorandum is where doctors and psychologists become deeply involved in torture. Wrote Rumsfeld: "Interrogations must always be planned, deliberate actions that take into account...a detainee's emotional and physical strengths and weakness."

The secretary of Defense said flatly: "Interrogation approaches are designed to manipulate the detainee's emotions and weaknesses to gain his willing cooperation."

Willing?

The Secretary of U.S. Torture Policy continued as an example: "The use of isolation as an interrogation technique requires detailed implementation instructions ... including medical and psychological review ... including the presence or availability of qualified medical personnel." And Dr. Steven Miles added very significantly:

"Rumsfeld's proposal that interrogation plans coercively 'manipulate the detainee's emotions and weaknesses' implicitly invited employing medical information for interrogation purposes. ... Secretary Rumsfeld's interrogation policy was now ready to pass down the chain of command to Guantanamo and Afghanistan."

What sort of medical information to exploit prisoner's phobias? "Fear of the dark, of being alone," Miles reports in "Oath Betrayed." Or "medical conditions that could be exploited" to break a prisoner.

In the Physicians for Human Rights report, "Interrogators would place a cloth over a detainee's face to block breathing and induce feelings of fear, helplessness, and a loss of control. A doctor would stand by to monitor and calibrate this physically and psychologically harmful act, which amounts to torture." The doctor stood by and did not intervene.

But this and other forms of official torture (though never called that) were authorized at the very top of the chain of command. On Feb. 7, 2002, President George W. Bush signed a memorandum: "Pursuant to my authority as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive of the United States...I accept the legal conclusion of the Department of Justice and determine that none of the provisions of (the) Geneva (Conventions) apply to our conflict with al Qaeda in Afghanistan or elsewhere throughout the world."

Go to it, Secretary Rumsfeld!

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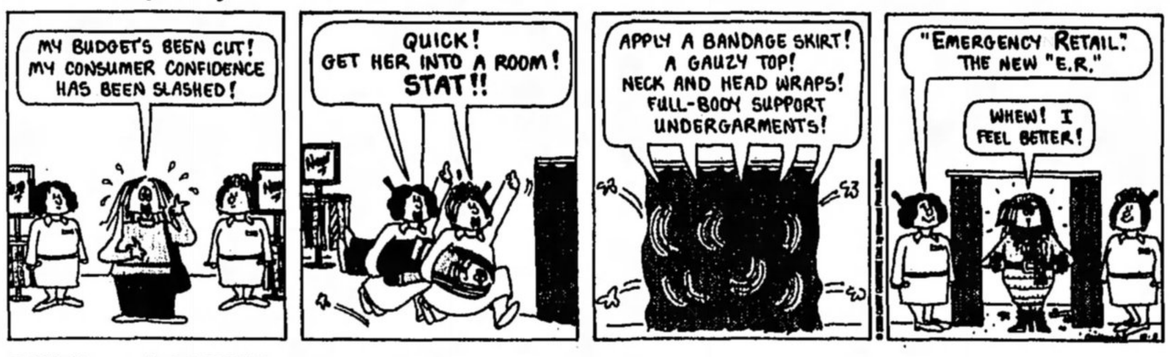
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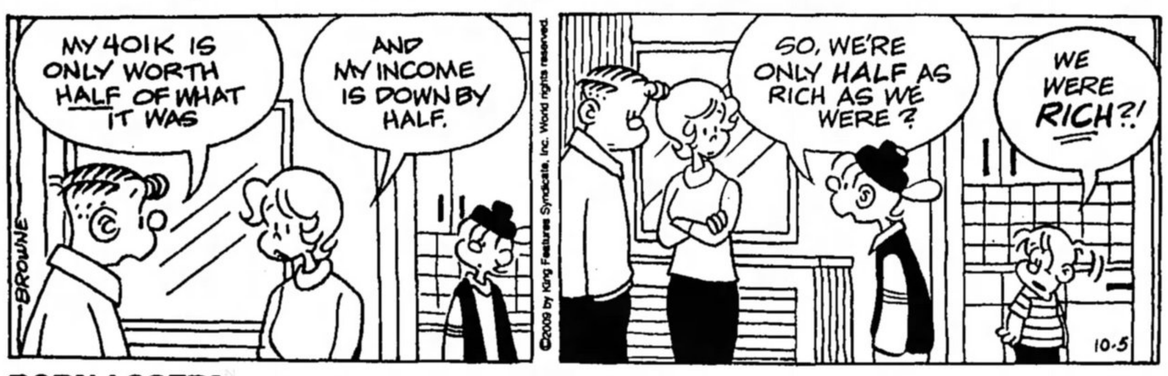
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"You know you're old when you only get the one for good luck!"

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ACROSS

1 Schoolboy
4 Moon, in verse
7 Feeling blue
10 Be in debt
11 Animal's track
13 Kyoto sash
14 Engineer's place
15 Slice of pie
16 Hockey goal
17 Silent types
19 Hunts for food
21 Masseuse employer
22 Green parrot
23 Took a nap
26 120 or 240
30 Flimsy shelters
31 Shiny metal
32 Alamo st.
33 Hgt.
34 Old cloth
35 Trail mix
36 Spat
39 Tybalt's slayer
40 Puffin kin
41 Of, to Fritz
42 Far East nannies
45 Tagged
49 Came down with
50 Strong cord
52 Unretumable serve
53 Law (abbr.)
54 Hotel conveniences
55 Canucks org.
56 Winner's cry
57 — Moines
58 Colorful carp

DOWN

1 Wacky
2 On vacation
3 Society newbies
4 Diva's performance
5 McKuen and Steiger
6 Peat source
7 Unfrequented
8 Knuckle under
9 Mental faculties
11 Wielded a broom
12 Drive back
18 Sugar amts.
20 Informer
22 King of gorillas
23 Hoopster — O'Neal
24 Comic-strip moppet
25 James or Kett
26 Tiny bottle
27 Quark's home
28 "Pretty Woman" lead
29 Montreal player
31 Difficult journey
35 "— With the Wind"
37 Go, team!
38 Corrodes
39 Chenille items
41 Barn toppers
42 Popeye's hi
43 Adult female horse
44 Supplements
45 Biology topic
46 Unduly long and slender
47 Reverberate
48 Cold-cuts vendor
51 Bankroll

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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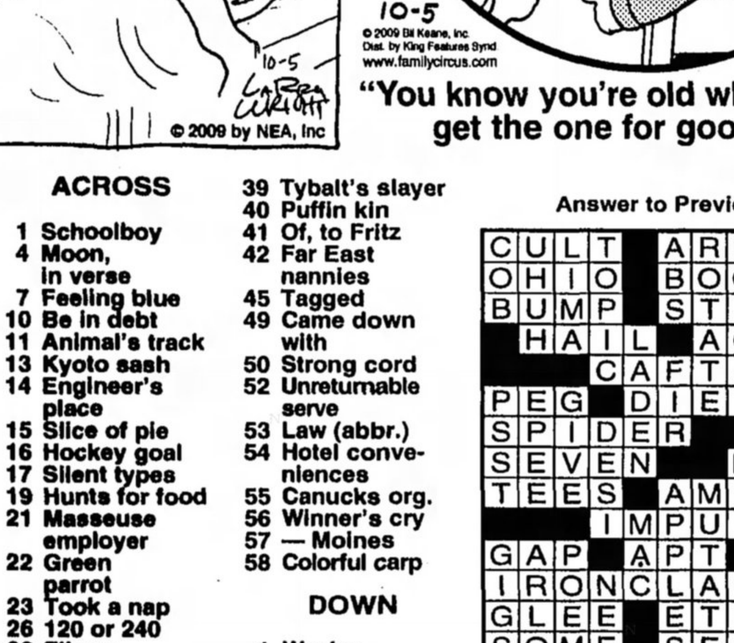

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Thanksgiving hostess decides it's time to pare list

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I know it's early, but my problem is Thanksgiving. For the past several years we have included four other families for Thanksgiving dinner in our home. Their children are married now, and including their spouses and stepchildren, the number of guests is now close to 30. I feel it is too many and would like to downsize.

One family is my son's in-laws, whom I consider to be family. Another family hosts everyone for Easter, and I would still like to include them because we're close and we spend holidays with them.

The other two families are not as close with us anymore. We have never been invited to celebrate a holiday in their homes. They could cook for their families, and I feel like I am being used. I would like to tell them, after Thanksgiving is over this year, that we plan to have a smaller gathering next year. That will allow them ample time to make other plans. My husband agrees. How do I do this without causing a rift, since two families will be included and two won't? — **THANKSGIVING QUANDARY**

DEAR QUANDARY: Because you are feeling "used," why not draw the line now? If you do, the two families will still have time to make other plans.

The way to handle it would be to say: "This has been a year when everyone has had to cut back, and we are no exception. That's why we are limiting the number of guests we will be entertaining this Thanksgiving. We wanted you to know so there is enough time for you to make other arrangements. The parties have simply become too much work and too expensive to continue."

If those folks are friends, they'll grasp the economic reality and won't resent your honesty and pragmatism. And if they don't, they weren't real friends to begin with.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 42-year-old female physician. I have been dating an engineer for some time who is currently unemployed. He's a good person, gentle and affectionate. However, he won't introduce me to his mother. I'm not sure why. The subject has come up several times, and he keeps putting it off. She's his only living family member.

Should this raise a red flag? We're both from India and he lives with his mother, which is common practice. — **M.D. IN A MUDDLE**

DEAR M.D.: If the man is financially or emotionally dependent on his mother, he may be afraid that she will disapprove. Or, it could have something to do with the fact that he's unemployed. Whatever his reason, he owes you an explanation if you've been seeing each other for an extended period of time. And yes, it is a red flag. Bright red.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of several years has just told me he won't marry me as long as I have student loan debt to pay off. I have always been upfront with him about the amount of money I owe. It's a sizable sum, but my credit is good.

He says he loves me but cannot, in good faith, start a life with me owing that much money. Abby, am I wrong to think that student loans should not stop two people who love each other from getting married? — **LOANED OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR LOANED OUT: No, you are not. And furthermore, I suspect that rather than the money being the issue, it's that your boyfriend has had a change of heart.

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MONDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 5, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News at Six 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 6	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric 7 Entertainment 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N) 7 Inside Edition 10 Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "Robin 101" Barney gets lessons from Ted. (N)	Accidentally on Purpose "One Night Stand" Billie's advances. (N)	Two and a Half Men "Mmm, Fish. Yum" Jake blackmails Charlie. (N)	(:31) The Big Bang Theory Howard and Raj hit a nightclub. (N)	CSI: Miami "Bolt Action" Team members investigate when a trio of volleyball players suddenly drops dead. (N)		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Steve Martin. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Michael Sheen; Viola Davis. (N)		2 (:37) Extra (N) 7 (:37) The Dr. Oz Show 10 (:37) Paid Programming	2 10 (:07) Paid Programming	2 (:37) Paid Programming 7 10 (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 Action News at 6 23 Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition 23 Jeopardy! (N)	4 Entertainment Tonight 23 Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Celebrities and their dance partners perform. (Live)				(:02) Castle "Inventing the Girl" Young model is found dead in a fountain. (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live David Alan Grier; Pink.		4 (:06) Oprah Winfrey 23 (:06) Paid Programming	23 (:36) RENO 911! (Part 2 of 2)	(:06) Paid Programming	4 Action News at 11 23 Paid Prog
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) 9 News (N) 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight (N) 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 9 11 Wheel of Fortune	Heroes "Acceptance" Hiro focuses on saving the lives of others. (N)		Trauma "All's Fair" A car crashes into a local street fair; Nancy receives a new partner. (N)		The Jay Leno Show Jamie Foxx. (N)		6 WJAC-TV News 9 News 11 Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Ellen Page; Dierks Bentley. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Kristen Wiig; David Wells. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Seth Green; Kevin Lyman.	(:05) Poker After Dark Johnny Chan; Jennifer Tilly; Arnold Thimons; Mike Matusow; Phil Laak; Daniel Negreanu.	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 Seinfeld 53 Two and a Half Men	8 The Simpsons 53 My Name Is Earl	8 That '70s Show 53 Two and a Half Men	8 My Name Is Earl 53 Seinfeld	House "The Tyrant" The team treats a controversial African politician who has fallen ill. (N)		Lie to Me "Truth or Consequences" Investigating a college football player accused of statutory rape. (N)		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 (:35) My Name Is Earl "Burn Victim"	8 (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond 53 Seinfeld	8 (:35) Seinfeld 53 My Name Is Earl	8 Star Trek: The Next Generation 53 Frasier	53 Paid Programming	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 (:35) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 George Lopez	8 Paid Program 53 House of Payne
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Antiques Roadshow "Spokane, WA"		Inventing LA: The Chandlers and Their Times (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels	Inventing LA: The Chandlers and Their Times			
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office "The Fight"	The Office	One Tree Hill "Believe Me I'm Lying" (N)		Gossip Girl "Dan De Fleurette" (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park "Wing"	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Roseanne
22 WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "Prayer One"		Too Saved Lisa prayed.			Love-Think.	Origins	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		All World	Focus 4		Heritage	Munroe
59 WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	The FBI Files "Hired Gun"		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		Criminal Minds "P911"		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders "Tara; Betty"		Paranormal State		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders "Tara; Betty"	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Lincoln Heights (N)		Greek "Lost and Founders"		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Lincoln Heights		Ab Secrets	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:30) ★★ "The Secret of My Success" (1987)				★★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson, John Corbett, Joan Cusack.					(:45) Mad Men "Souvenir"			(11:47) ★★ "The Secret of My Success" (1987)				(:15) Mad Men "Souvenir"	
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Animals Behaving Badly		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Animal Cops Houston (N)		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Animal Cops Houston		Animals Behaving Badly	
BBC	Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★★ "Phat Girlz" (2006, Comedy) Mo'Nique. Premiere.				Mo'nique Sh.	The Game	Movie					Harlem	The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		The Rachel Zoe Project (N)		The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		The Rachel Zoe Project		Million Dollar Listing	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition				Smarter	Smarter	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		Smarter	Smarter	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Videos	Jacked Up
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		The Business of Innovation		The NEW Age of Wal-Mart			Put It Map	Mad Money		Fast Money		The Business of Innovation		Paid Prog	Profit
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Tosh.0	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	Carlos Mencia: Strings		Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Atom TV
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington		C-SPAN's Supreme Court Week				Capital News Today						Today In Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Man vs. Wild "Alabama"		Chain Gang: Maricopa		Destroyed	Destroyed	Man vs. Wild "Alabama"		Chain Gang: Maricopa		Destroyed	Destroyed	Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Halloweentown" (1998)			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	"Bring It On: All"		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Kourtney	Take Miami	Take Miami	Take Miami	Girls	Girls	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls	The Soup	Sexiest "Pop Divas"		Chelsea
ESPN	Monday Night Kickoff		Monday Night Countdown (Live)		NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live)			NFL PrimeTime (N)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	NHRA Drag Racing		Century	Century	Boxing		NBA Basketball: 2005 Game 7 -- Pistons at Spurs				AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing
ESPN2	NASCAR Now (Live)		Football Live	★★ "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves. Premiere.					Baseball Tonight		2009 World Series of Poker		SportsNation		NFL Films	NFL's Greatest Game		
EWTN	Seelos-Intercssr		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Paula's Best	Minute	Challenge Cupcakes.		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	In My Words	Best Damn Top 50 Special		World Poker		Sport Science		In My Words	Final Score	Jay Glazer	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Premier League	
FX	★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004)				★★ "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King.						★★ "Little Man" (2006, Comedy) Shawn Wayans.				'70s Show	'70s Show	Foreclosure	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10	President's Cup Highlights		Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	President's Cup Highlights		Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Shark
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place
HIST	Clash of the Gods		Modern Marvels "Night"		Ancient Aliens				Clash of the Gods (N)		History of Sex: Ancient		(12:01) Ancient Aliens				(:01) Clash of the Gods	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Sherri "Pilot"	Rita Rocks	Reba	Reba	Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Popzilla (N)	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Fantasy	Fantasy	True Life		MTV Special		True Life		True Life		True Life		True Life	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Glenn Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		★★ "Can't Buy Me Love" (1987) Patrick Dempsey.				★★ "Can't Buy Me Love" (1987) Patrick Dempsey.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Naughty Kitchen	
PCN	PCN Tours Glenshaw.		PCN Call-In "Swine Flu"		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Your Mind	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		DEA "Up the Ladder"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager	
SYFY	(5:00) Stargate Universe		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer "Fury"		Ghost Whisperer		Kai Doh Maru		Street	Voltron	Lost "The Other 48 Days"		Stargate Universe "Air"	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and City	★★ "Stuck on You" (2003, Comedy) Matt Damon.			
TCM	(5:45) ★★★ "Thousands Cheer" (1943, Musical)				Private Screenings		★★★★ "An American in Paris" (1951) Gene Kelly.				★★★★ "Gigi" (1958) Leslie Caron. (DVS)				(:15) ★★★ "Lili" (1953) Leslie Caron.			Glass Slip
TLC	Dress	Dress	King of the Crown		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		King of the Crown	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer "Tapped Out"		The Closer "Split Ends"		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY "YoungBlood"		Cold Case "Start-Up"	
TOON	Arabian Nights		Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Teen Titans	Johnny Test	Bobb'e Says	Dude	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Awesome	The Oblongs	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Earth's Natural Wonders		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures	Anthony Bourdain		Earth's Natural Wonders		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		Forensic	Forensic	Murder by the Book		Murder by the Book		Murder by the Book	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Missing"		NCIS "Blowback"		NCIS "Iceman"		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				(:05) "Chaos" (2005, Action) Jason Statham.				(:05) Monk		(:05) "Chaos" (2005)	
VH1	My Antonio		Tool Academy		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Tool Academy		My Antonio		Real Chance of Love	
VS.	Beach Volleyball		NHL Hockey New York Rangers at New Jersey Devils. (Live)					Hockey	World Extreme Cagefighting				WEC WrekCage		World Extreme Cagefighting			
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Amazing Wedding Cakes		Amazing Wedding Cakes	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Pearl Harbor	(:20) ★★ "The Cable Guy" (1996)			★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				(:15) ★★ "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007) Nicolas Cage.				(:20) ★★★ "Hellraiser" (1987, Horror)				★ "Species II" (1998)	
HBO	★★★ "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" (2008)				Real Time With Bill Maher		★★★ "Outrage" (2009) Premiere.			★★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (2008) Jason Segel.			(:25) ★★ "Shoot 'Em Up" (2007)				Curb-Enthsm	Outrage
MAX	(5:40) ★★★★ "The Dark Knight" (2008) Christian Bale.				(:15) ★★ "Reality Bites" (1994) Winona Ryder.				★★★ "Role Models" (2008)			Sex Games	(12:15) ★★★★ "The Dark Knight" (2008, Action) Christian Bale, Heath Ledger.					
SHOW	(4:50) ★★ "The Mist" iTV.		★★ "Meet the Browns" (2008) Tyler Perry.				Dexter (iTV)		Californ	Californ	Dexter (iTV)		★★ "Bound" (1996) Jennifer Tilly, Gina Gershon. iTV.				★★ "Shaft" (2000) iTV.	
STARZ	(5:20) ★★ "Snow Dogs"		(:05) ★★ "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" (2008)				★★ "The Mummy Returns" (2001) Brendan Fraser.				(:15) ★★★ "Gone Baby Gone" (2007) Casey Affleck.				(:15) ★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis.			

Valley
WEEKEND

THEVALLEYINDEPENDENT WWW.VALLEYINDEPENDENT.COM MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

Perryopolis, Monessen events attract crowds

Fair skies and seasonal weather conditions helped the turnout at two annual traditions of fall in the Mid-Mon Valley during the weekend.

Perryopolis staged its annual Pioneeer Days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, while the Harvest Festival was conducted at the Giant Pumpkin Patch in Monessen Saturday and Sunday.

The Perryopolis event, as always, featured a parade, entertainment, all sorts of food and refreshments and a Civil War re-enactment.

The Monessen festivities included a wagon train ride, a pirate ship, a mechanical bull, a petting zoo, a variety of contests and, of course, lots of food. Proceeds from the Monessen event will be donated to the Salvation Army's Mon Valley Citadel.

ABOVE - Confederate re-enactors fire a volley toward a Union encampment during Pioneer Days in Perryopolis.

LEFT - Pioneer Days board member Harry Fisher sports the attire of a Union soldier.

LEFT - Matthew Books, 10, of Everson, shows what size cannon ball can be fired from the weapon at right. He went to Perryopolis with his dad, Todd Brooks.

Photos by
Jim Ference

RIGHT - Nathan Irgany, 11, practices his drumming skills at Pioneer Days. He and his dad, Rick Irgany, of Greensburg, are both Civil War re-enactors.

Five-year-old Carmen Krawiec, of Webster, liked the petting zoo at the Monessen event. She was accompanied by her mom, Jennifer.

Tim Wiggins, of the Monessen Hilltop Volunteer Fire Department, plays the part of Popeye the Sailor at the Great Pumpkin Patch.

Four-year-old Evan Parsons, of Donora, wore his favorite disguise to go searching for a Halloween pumpkin during his visit to Monessen.

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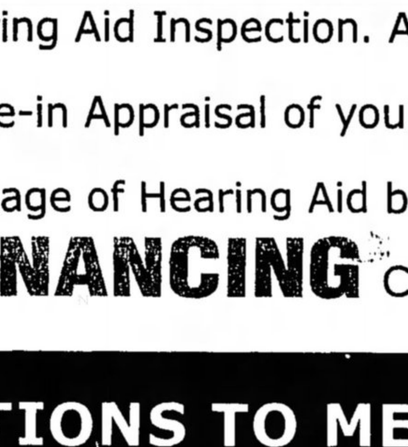

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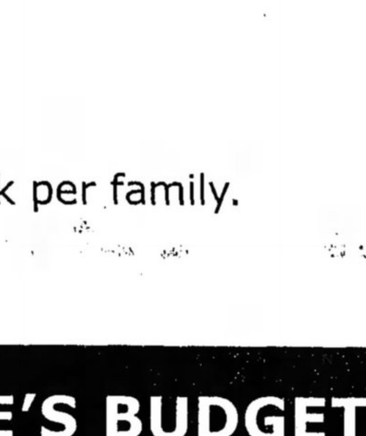

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Bengals win in overtime

A season of thrillers continued for Cincinnati with Sunday's victory over Cleveland. **4B**

Valley SPORTS

One final shutout

The Pirates wrapped up another miserable season Sunday by being shut out for the 17th time. **2B**

Lady Leps tie

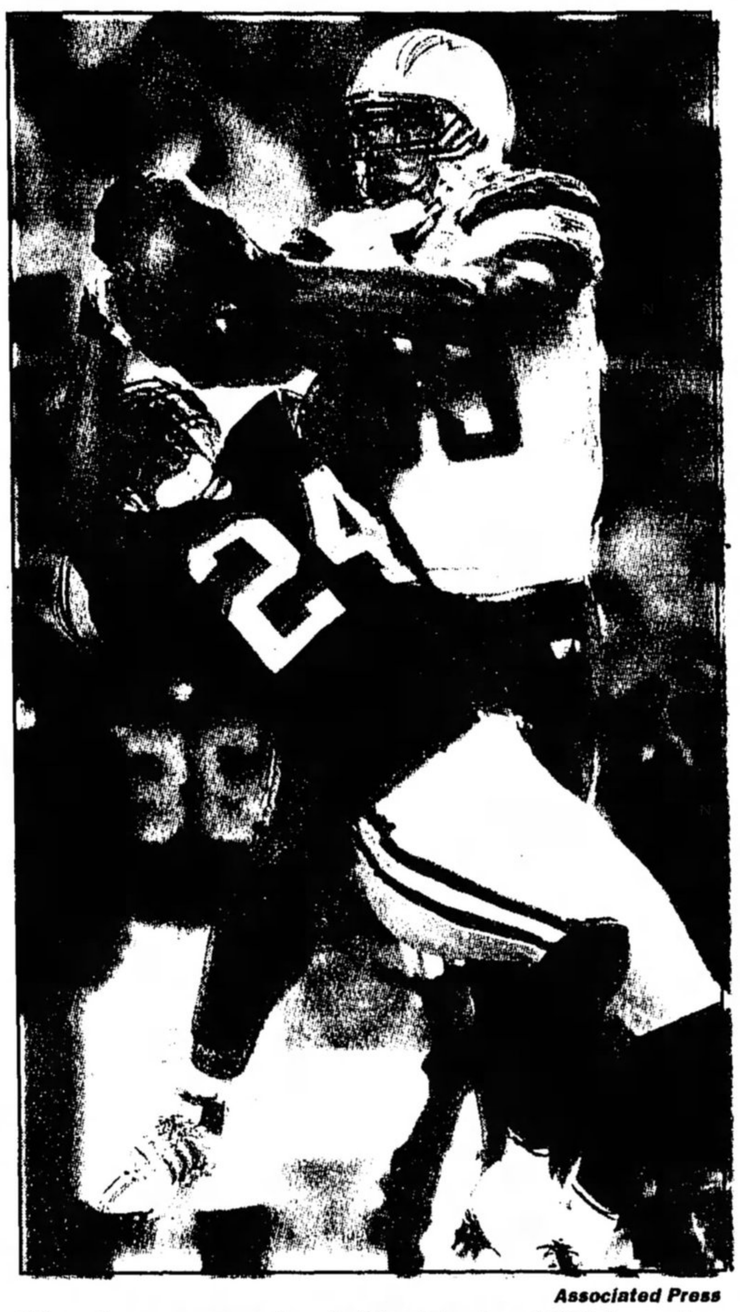
Class AAA Sec. 6 co-leaders BVA and Southmoreland played to a 1-1 tie Saturday night. **2B**

Sports Trivia

How many times did Franco Harris win the AFC rushing title? **2B**

Sunday's scores

Chicago 48, Detroit 24
Houston 29, Oakland 6
Washington 16, Tampa Bay 13
Indianapolis 34, Seattle 17
N.Y. Giants 27, Kansas City 16
New England 27, Baltimore 21



Associated Press

Steelers cornerback Ike Taylor (24) breaks up a pass for San Diego wide receiver Vincent Jackson in the second half Sunday.

Steelers barely hang on

28-0 lead turns into nail-biter in Sunday night contest.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Super Bowl-winning Steelers' season was starting to unravel with consecutive losses in the final 15 seconds to the Bears and the Bengals. Determined to make sure their bad start didn't last a moment more, they needed less than 15 minutes to effectively put away one of the AFC's best teams.

The final 15 minutes against San Diego couldn't have been much worse, but the Steelers were so good, so dominating and so reminiscent of last season's team before then that it didn't really matter.

The Steelers (2-2) opened a 28-point lead behind Rashard Mendenhall's running and Ben Roethlisberger's throwing and shut down the Chargers' ground game like no team has since 1992 during a 38-28 victory Sunday night that convinced them they're finding themselves again.

Linebacker James Farrior said they would be in big trouble if they were 1-3. No chance for that, even if the Chargers (2-2) made it interesting by outscoring the Steelers 21-10 in the fourth quarter.

"We put up 38, and I think it could have been more," said Roethlisberger, who was 26 of 33 for 333 yards and two touchdowns.

Mendenhall certainly found himself after mostly looking lost since the Steelers drafted him in the first round a year ago.

The former Illinois running back came in with 103 yards and no touchdowns in seven career games before running for 165 yards and two touchdowns against the NFL's sixth-worst rushing defense.

The Steelers outgained the Chargers 497-251 and outran them 177-16 as LaDainian Tomlinson gained only 15 yards on seven carries during one of the most miserable offensive games — at least for three quarters — of the Norv Turner era.

"I don't think you ever want to get into a situation where people are able to run the ball the way they were able to," Turner said.

Mendenhall matched what the now-injured Willie Parker did while running for 146 and 115 yards in victories against the Chargers last season, repeatedly cutting through the middle of their defense for big yardage. Roethlisberger did the rest while completing 11 of his first 12 passes for 150 yards, and third-down back Mewelde Moore caught a touchdown pass and threw another on a gadget play.

The Chargers, outgained nearly 4 to 1 until late in the third quarter, never had an answer until Philip Rivers (21 of 36, 254 yards) threw touchdown passes to Antonio Gates (30 yards) and Chris Chambers (13 yards) and Jacob Hester scored on a 41-yard fumble return, all in the fourth quarter. San Diego briefly cut it to 35-28, but the Steelers closed it out with Jeff Reed's 46-yard field goal.

The Steelers have been outscored 48-13 in the fourth quarter, the primary reason for their poor start.

"I feel like we are playing great for three quarters, then in the fourth we can't seem to finish things out," defensive end Brett Keisel said. "We are lucky our offense came up so big today."

There have been plenty of bad days for the Chargers in Pittsburgh, where they are 0-14 during the regular season. Few have been this poor, although the late comeback made a game that was anything but close momentarily feel that way.

"They were a desperate football team so they were going to do what it took to win the game, period," Chargers linebacker Kevin Burnett said. "I think the stats speak for themselves. They ran for about 400 yards. We couldn't stop them. They couldn't be stopped."

The Chargers aren't exactly sure why, especially given Mendenhall had gained all of 45 yards this season — nearly all of them on a single 39-yard run against the Bears.

The week before, Mendenhall so angered coach Mike Tomlin with his inability to run plays correctly during practice that he didn't get a single carry in Cincinnati.

The Steelers showed off a new wrinkle during the game's opening drive, which started with Roethlisberger completing passes of 15 yards to Santonio Holmes, 15 to Hines Ward and 35 to rookie Mike Wallace — an early sign the Chargers were in big trouble.

With 323-pound lineman Doug Legursky plowing through the middle as his blocking back, Mendenhall finished it off by scoring from the 1. He later made it 21-0 with a 2-yard TD run.

Mendenhall shows off skills

Second-year running back impresses with running and blocking.

By JOE STARKEY
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Ten quick takes on Steelers-Chargers ...

10. Fast Willie Parker — or is it Fast Wally Pipp? — had the best take on Rashard Mendenhall's 165-yard performance Sunday night.

"He came back each and every play with a vengeance," Parker said, "like somebody said somethin' about his mama or something."

9. The question now is, what becomes of Fast Willie in the wake of Mendenhall's Walter Payton imitation? Parker missed the Steelers' 38-28 win because of turf toe and likely is on his way out of town after the season as a free agent. His main competition for playing time — Mendenhall — was a first-round pick who makes a ton of money. That doesn't sound like a recipe for regaining the starting job.

"You gotta ask coach about that," Parker said. "There's nothing I can say there. When my number gets called, I'll run the ball."

Parker predicts he will play next week against the Detroit Lions.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said.

8. Mendenhall's blocking was every bit as impressive as his running. On one play, he ran up to meet blitzing linebacker Kevin Burnett in the hole and positively ruined him.

"The more you can do," Mendenhall said, "the more valuable you are to the team."

7. Reckless or gutsy? That was the question on Mike Tomlin's surprising decision to go for it on 4th-and-inches from the Steelers' 30, leading 14-0 with 6:23 left in the first half. I loved it — though I also liked Tomlin's decision to kick a field goal on fourth and goal from the 1 early in the Cincinnati game. At Cincinnati, Tomlin opted for the first points of the game and a quick shot of momentum. He later gave that momentum back with an ill-advised (OK, reckless) move to go for it on fourth and 4 at the Bengals 35. Could he have given away the momentum last night, too? Sure, but as 6-foot-5, 241-pound quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said, "I should be able to get a yard." Roethlisberger gained three yards on the play.

6. Apparently, Tomlin was dead serious last week, when he spoke of how New England's offense is a good one to emulate. Two weeks ago, Patriots coach Bill Belichick went for it on fourth and 1 at his 24, leading the Atlanta Falcons, 16-10, with about five minutes left in the third quarter. The results were similar for the Steelers and Patriots in their risky moves: A conversion followed by a lengthy scoring drive that kept a dangerous opposing offense off the field and went a long ways toward a victory. I asked Steelers linebacker James Farrior how many coaches in the league would have gone for it like Tomlin did last night. I didn't have to ask who Farrior meant when he said, "I'll give you one or two."

5. Ike Taylor is playing some spectacular football. On the rare occasions the Chargers actually had the ball for the first three quarters, quarterback Philip Rivers seemed intent on giving his receivers, particularly 6-foot-5 Vincent Jackson, opportunities to win jump balls. Taylor would have none of it, making several high-caliber plays.

4. I can't believe Chargers coach Norv Turner didn't challenge Mike Wallace's 35-yard catch along the sidelines on the game's opening drive. It was highly questionable whether Wallace got both feet down in-bounds as he was being hit by Steve Wallace. Maybe nobody told Norv that the old force-out rule doesn't apply anymore. Gotta have both feet down.

3. I'm guessing Ryan Mundy didn't play shortstop in high school.

2. I'm guessing Mewelde Moore played some quarterback in high school. Actually, Moore confirmed as much, after he zipped a six-yard touchdown pass to Heath Miller on a halfback-option play.

"I can throw," Moore said. "I saw the safety where he was. If they had played close, I would have lobbed it. ... I've been putting a smiley face next to that play every time we run it in practice. I was just waiting for it to get called."

1. It took all of one play to realize that LaDainain Tomlinson still isn't himself (and might never be again). L.T. took a pass in the flat and had blockers in front of him. The old L.T. would have gained at least 20 yards. But safety Tyrone Carter submarined lineman Scott Mruczkowski and pulled Tomlinson down by a shoestring. Later, on consecutive snaps in the third quarter, Tomlinson failed to pick up linebacker James Harrison, leading to a sack, and dropped a pass. Tomlinson finished with 15 yards on seven carries.

Rashard Mendenhall

Vulcans outscore Indiana, 41-28

Josh Portis threw for 197 yards and four touchdowns in Saturday's win over IUP.

A.J. Jackson catches three touchdown passes in high-scoring showdown.

INDIANA — California University captured the first-ever Coal Bowl against rival Indiana University with an impressive 41-28 PSAC West win at George P. Miller Stadium on Saturday.

With the win, the Vulcans improve to 4-2 overall and 3-0 in divisional play. Meanwhile, the Crimson Hawks have lost three straight games to fall to 3-3 this season and 0-3 in league action. Cal U has now defeated IUP for three-straight years for the first time since the 1958-61 seasons.

Josh Portis continued his efficient play for the Vulcans, passing for 197 yards and four touchdowns and no interceptions. Over the last 15 quarters, he has thrown 14 touchdown passes with no interceptions.

Senior wide receiver A.J. Jackson tied his career high with three touchdown catches (24, 34, 32), posting 102 yards on five receptions. Jackson now leads the Vulcans with nine touchdowns after scoring at least one touchdown in each of the last five games.

Junior receiver Terrance Moore had two first-quarter touchdown receptions of 7 and 67 yards and completed a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jackson in the third quarter. The Florida native finished with 80 yards on three catches.

The Vulcans jumped out to a 7-0 lead on their first possession when Portis connected with Moore on a seven-yard fade to corner of the end zone. Cal increased the lead to 14-0 on the next drive when Portis found Moore on a 67-yard score down the sideline.

After not managing a first down on its first two drives, IUP engineered a 15-play drive that was capped with a five-yard touchdown by freshman Harvie Tuck early in the second quarter.

The Vulcans answered with a 37-yard field goal by Mark Domonkos with 4:38 left before the half. On its next possession, Cal needed only two plays to take a 24-7 lead with 1:24 remaining in the second quarter when Portis found Jackson for a 24-yard score.

On the Crimson Hawks' first possession of the second half, IUP trimmed the lead to 24-14 on an eight-yard run by quarterback Pat Smith. The Vulcan defense forced IUP back to the 2-yard line on its next drive following a sack by sophomore defensive lineman Marcus Cook and a penalty. Using the good field position after the punt, the Vulcans increased its lead to 31-14 on a 34-yard touchdown catch by Jackson near the sidelines.

CAL CLIPS: In his first significant action since the season-opener, junior running back Windell Brown rushed for a team-high 55 yards on 12 carries ... The Vulcans' defense combined to post 8.0 tackles for losses and three sacks against IUP ... Cal U was whistled for a season-low three penalties for 25 yards ... The Vulcans held the Crimson Hawks' Tobias Robinson — the PSAC's leading rusher — to under 100 yards ... Cal travels to Lock Haven Saturday for a 6 p.m. start. Cal has won five straight against the Bald Eagles, including a 56-3 homecoming shellacking last season.

SPORTS

Pirates end season with shutout

Pittsburgh was blanked 17 times during the year, the most in the majors.

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — The Reds' last man standing led them to one final win.

Brandon Phillips — the lone Cincinnati regular who avoided the disabled list in 2009 — drove in three runs Sunday, and Homer Bailey shut out Pittsburgh for six innings, setting up a 6-0 victory as the NL Central's two forlorn franchises ended the season together.

The Pirates finished their 17th straight losing season, while the Reds completed their ninth in a row.

Phillips was the Reds' only regular starting player who wasn't caught up in the run of nonstop injuries. He had an RBI double in the first off Jeff Karstens (4-6), a run-scoring groundout and another RBI double.

Phillips finished with 98 RBIs. He had a chance to get those last two to reach 100, but grounded into a double play with the bases loaded in the sixth.

"It was a great journey trying to get to 100. I just fell short," Phillips said. "You learn from your mistakes. I had plenty of chances early in the season. I'm happy with the year I had. I'm very satisfied."

Bailey (8-5) finished his breakout season by improving to 4-0 career against the Pirates. The 23-year-old pitcher went 6-1 with a 1.70 ERA down the stretch, making him a top candidate for next year's rotation.

"The way we've been playing the last month and a half made it a lot easier for me to go out there," Bailey said. "I think everybody here has a lot of confidence and a lot of potential, but 'potential' means you haven't done anything."

The Pirates' 17 consecutive losing seasons are a record for a major professional team in North America. They underwent another near-total makeover at midseason and wound up losing 99 games with a cast of young players that collapsed down the stretch.

After Pittsburgh moved out of the basement on Aug. 22 — a game ahead of Cincinnati — the Pirates went 11-29 the rest of the way, clinching last place.

They found an appropriate way to finish it — their 17th shutout loss, the most in the majors.

"It was kind of the season wrapped up into a game," manager John Russell said, referring to the 13 stranded runners. "It will be a big emphasis next year — getting RBIs when they're out there."

The Reds extended their deepest slump in more than a half-century, done in by the never-ending injuries that set up a July meltdown. Four-fifths of the starting rotation and seven of the eight opening-day regulars spent time on the disabled list.

Cincinnati finished on an upswing, winning 27 of its last 40 games to finish 78-84, four games better than last season. Pitching coach Dick Pole was fired on Friday, but manager Dusty Baker has one season remaining on his three-year deal.

The years of losing and the economic downturn took a toll on attendance at Great American Ball Park.

The Reds sold 1,747,919 tickets this season, their smallest gate since 1986.

NOTES: The Pirates led the majors with only 73 errors, fewest in franchise history. The previous club mark was 83 in 2007. ... Pittsburgh matched its franchise records by using 49 players, including 26 pitchers, to get through another season of in-flux lineups. ... FOX Sports Ohio broadcaster George Grande, who did the Reds' television play-by-play for the last 17 years, opted out of the final year of his contract to spend more time at home. In the middle of the sixth inning, the fans gave an extended standing ovation for Grande and Hal McCoy, the Dayton Daily News baseball writer retiring after his 37th season. ... Phillips' 98 RBIs were the second-most by a second baseman in Reds history. Joe Morgan drove in 110 in 1976, when the Big Red Machine won its second straight World Series title.

1-game playoff for Twins, Tigers

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Before Albert Pujols and Manny Ramirez start their postseason round of home run derby, rookie Rick Porcello and Scott Baker will make their pitches for the playoffs.

The Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins sent the AL Central race to yet another one-game tiebreaker, winning Sunday on the final day of the regular season.

They'll meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. EDT at the Metrodome in what could be the last baseball game at the Homer Hankie haven. The 20-year-old Porcello (14-9) starts for the Tigers against Baker (15-9).

"He's been young all year and he pitched awful good against Minnesota the other day," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "I know one thing for a fact — he will not be scared. He'll be excited."

This marks the second straight year a one-game playoff will decide the division. Last season, the Twins lost 1-0 at Chicago.

REMEMBER when?

Charleroi's John Verkleeren played for Pitt in 1964.

Lady Leps, Southmoreland deadlocked again

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — For the second time this season, Belle Vernon Area's girls played Southmoreland in a Class AAA Sec. 6 soccer match.

And for the second time, the section co-leaders walked away with a 1-1 tie Saturday night.

"It was a great game," BVA coach Paul Sasko said. "Both teams played hard and each team controlled a half. I told our girls after the game how proud I was of them."

The Lady Leps (9-2-2, 7-0-2) started out slow, managing only three shots in the first half as Southmoreland (7-1-2, 7-0-2) dominated play. Although Southmoreland only had four shots on goal in the first half, it had the best opportunity as Andrea Wisniewski's shot with 18:10 sailed just wide of the goal.

Neither team managed to find the net in the half.

"They definitely had the better of the play in the first half," Sasko said. "We were playing tentative, almost playing not to lose instead of playing to win.

"We stepped it up in the second half and had some great scoring chances, especially early."

Less than 3 minutes into the second half, BVA had its best scoring opportunity when Marla Sasko took a direct kick from 40 yards out and Kylee Heck headed the ball in what appeared to be a certain goal. However Southmoreland's goalkeeper, Sarah Richter, barely deflected the header wide just before the ball reached the goal.

Five minutes later, BVA scored first when Caitlin Pasternak headed in a corner kick from Marla Sasko, but the lead was short-lived as Wisniewski got behind the BVA defense six minutes later and tied the score.

BVA outshot the Lady Scotties in the second half but the contest ended in a tie.

"We really started out strong in the second half and played very well," Sasko said. "It would have been great to put another one in, but I told the girls that we were really proud of the way they played and of their effort and intensity". "It was a just a great game."

The tie extended BVA's section unbeaten streak to 55 games (53-0-2) and to over four years since Elizabeth Forward defeated them on Oct. 3, 2005.

The outcome was BVA's first home section contest at James Weir Stadium that did not result in a win in over five years.

BVA is at Connellsville tonight.

In other games:

Girls

Mt. Lebanon 7, Ringgold 0

Ringgold was shut out for the third time in Class AAA Section 5 play Saturday at Mt. Lebanon.

The Lady Rams (4-8, 2-6) host West Mifflin tonight.

McGuffey 7, Charleroi 1

Charleroi fell in a Class AA Section 1 match Saturday.

The Lady Cougars (6-7, 3-5) are at first-place South Park tonight.

Canon-Mac 6, EF 0

Elizabeth Forward was shut out by Class AAA Section 5 leader Canon-McMillan.

The Lady Warriors (3-8, 2-5) host Mt. Lebanon tonight.

Boys

TJ 5, EF 2

Cam Easler scored twice in E.F.'s 5-2 loss to Thomas Jefferson.

"We went up 1-0 and i thought we were playing well," coach Dave King said. "Then we made some mistakes and they cost us. It seemed like some of our players did not want to be there."

The Warriors (6-7, 4-5) return to Class AA Section 3 play Tuesday when they head to South Park.

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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

SPORTS DIGEST

Bentworth bows to Burgettstown

Bentworth travels to Serra Friday night for a Black Hills Conference contest after bowing to host Burgettstown, 42-21, Saturday afternoon.

The Bearcats (1-4, 0-3) fell behind 20-0 in the first quarter and never recovered.

Bentworth got touchdown runs of 12 and three yards from Joe Vahaly and a 19-yard scoring pass from Ben Gregg to Dan Hansell. Burgettstown (3-2, 2-1) was led by Zach Bertiotti, who scored three touchdowns on runs of two, one and 10 yards. Teammate Dylan Bongiorni scored twice on runs of 13 and three yards.

Cal U women rout Ohio Valley

CALIFORNIA – Freshmen Kelsey Russo and Nikki Doria each registered their first career hat tricks on Saturday, as No. 17 Cal U women's soccer team tied the single-game school record for goals in a 9-0 victory over Ohio Valley (W.Va.) in non-conference play.

Russo finished with a game-high four goals, while Doria collected eight points on three goals and two assists. The eight points by both Russo and Doria is the highest single-game total in recent program history (since 2003). Russo and Doria became the first set of teammates to record a hat trick in a game since 2003 when Keeli Rees and Brianne Plute accomplished the feat against Maine-Machias.

Cal (8-3) attempted an astonishing 45 shots in the game and didn't allow Ohio Valley to take a shot attempt in 90 minutes.

Cal U booters beat West Chester

WEST CHESTER – California University upped its win streak to four games with a 3-2 road win against West Chester after scoring three first-period goals in the PSAC West game.

The Vulcans (8-3) took an early 1-0 lead in the third minute when junior Spencer Crider scored off a pass from junior Felipe Souza. Cal expanded its lead at the 13:07-mark when senior Justin Taucher collected his seventh goal of the season with an assist from sophomore Brady Sanders.

Souza then scored the eventual-game-winning goal in the 21st minute off a feed from Taucher.

W&J's Erdely up for award

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Washington & Jefferson senior safety Mitch Erdely is a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame 2009 William V. Campbell Trophy.

Erdely, a Perryopolis native, is also one of 134 candidates from all NCAA and NAIA playing divisions for the 2009 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Erdely, a senior captain, has played 34 games in a W&J uniform and has gathered 121 career tackles.

Erdely also has collected seven career pass breakups, three interceptions, three tackles for a loss and one fumble recovery. Last year, he was third on the squad with 76 tackles, including a career-high 14 stops at Mary Hardin-Baylor in the NCAA Division III quarterfinals. Erdely has 35 career tackles in the NCAA playoffs.

This season, Erdely is third on the team with 26 tackles and tied for the team lead with two interceptions.

BVA Jr. High belts Trinity

The Belle Vernon Area boys' Jr High soccer team won 10-0 over Trinity.

Leading the Leps was Anthony Zenobi with 4 goals and 2 assists. Also scoring for the winners were David Wurmlinger, Josh Page, David Kost, Geno Leone, and Alex Robinson. The Leps (6-1) host Canon Mac Blue tonight at 7 p.m.

Trivia answer

None.

SPORTS HISTORY

20 Years Ago

Joyce Leech and Michelle Fischer scored goals in Ringgold's 2-0 win at Charleroi with Christine Kirsopp getting her seventh shutout.

Butch and Pearl Overly announced they were taking over the operations of Motordrome Speedway in Smithton and would open for the 1990 season.

10 Years Ago

Jen Pergola and Erika Jackson scored goals in Ringgold's 2-0 win at West Mifflin with Maggie Kuhn getting her fifth shutout.

Belle Vernon Area downed Derry, 2-0, on two goals by Tracy Kovatch to end a 10-game winless streak in coach John McKivitz's first victory.

Shellie Cotton scored three goals as Charleroi beat Yough, 7-0, with coach Dan Haywood raising his record to 3-0-1 against his daughter, Dawn.

Terri Myshin had two goals in Monessen's 3-1 win over Waynesburg.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Philadelphia	93	69	.574	—
Florida	87	75	.537	6
Atlanta	86	76	.531	7
New York	70	92	.432	23
Washington	59	103	.364	34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	91	71	.562	—
Chicago	83	78	.516	7 1/2
Milwaukee	80	82	.494	11
Cincinnati	78	84	.481	13
Houston	74	88	.457	17
Pittsburgh	62	99	.385	28 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Los Angeles	95	67	.586	—
z-Colorado	92	70	.568	3
San Francisco	88	74	.543	7
San Diego	75	87	.463	20
Arizona	70	92	.432	25

y-clinched division
z-clinched wild card

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 0
N.Y. Mets 5, Houston 1
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 4
Florida 4, Philadelphia 3
Washington 6, Atlanta 4, 11 innings
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 4
San Diego 2, San Francisco 0
L.A. Dodgers 5, Colorado 0

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets 4, Houston 0
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 7, Florida 6, 10 innings
Washington 2, Atlanta 1, 15 innings
Milwaukee 9, St. Louis 7, 10 innings
Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 2
San Francisco 4, San Diego 3, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 5, Colorado 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	103	59	.636	—
z-Boston	95	67	.586	8
Tampa Bay	84	78	.519	19
Toronto	75	87	.463	28
Baltimore	64	98	.395	39

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	86	76	.531	—
Minnesota	86	76	.531	—
Chicago	79	83	.488	7
Cleveland	65	97	.401	21
Kansas City	65	97	.401	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Los Angeles	97	65	.599	—
Texas	87	75	.537	10
Seattle	85	77	.525	12
Oakland	75	87	.463	22

y-clinched division
z-clinched wild card

Saturday's Games

L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 2
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 1
Baltimore 6, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 11, Cleveland 6
Seattle 2, Texas 1

Sunday's Games

Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Boston 12, Cleveland 7
Baltimore 5, Toronto 4, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 13, Kansas City 4
L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 3
Seattle 4, Texas 3

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Detroit(Porcello 14-9) at Minnesota (Baker 15-9), 5:07 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCt cf	3	0	2	0	Stubbs cf	4	2	3	0
AnLRc 3b	5	0	0	0	Janish ss	2	1	0	0
GJones 1b	4	0	1	0	Sutton ph-ss	1	0	0	0
Milledg lf	5	0	1	0	Votto 1b	4	1	3	0
Moss rf	2	0	1	0	Fisher p	0	0	0	0
DlwYn 2b	3	0	0	0	BPhilps 2b	4	1	2	3
R.Diaz c	4	0	2	0	Rolen 3b	3	1	1	2
L.Cruz ss	4	0	1	0	ARosls ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Karstns p	1	0	0	0	Bruce rf	4	0	1	1
SJcksn p	0	0	0	0	L.Nix lf	4	0	1	0
Dumtrt p	0	0	0	0	CMiller c	2	0	0	0
Pearce ph	1	0	1	0	Hanign ph-c	1	0	0	0
Veal p	0	0	0	0	HBaily p	2	0	0	0
NWalkr ph	1	0	0	0	JFrncs ph	0	0	0	0
DBatst p	0	0	0	0	Burton p	0	0	0	0
VVasqz p	0	0	0	0	RRmrz p	0	0	0	0
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Hacker p	0	0	0	0					
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DP—Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 2. LOB—Pittsburgh 13, Cincinnati 9. 2B—B.Phillips 2 (30), L.Nix (26). 3B—Pearce (1), Rolen (1). SB—A.McCutchen 2 (22), Janish (2). S—Delw.Young, Janish.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Karstens L,4-6	2 1-3	4	2	2	1	2
S.Jackson	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Dumatrait	1	0	0	0	1	1
Veal	1	4	4	4	1	1
D.Bautista	1	2	0	0	1	0
V.Vasquez	1	1	0	0	0	2
Hacker	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cincinnati						
H.Bailey W,8-5	6	7	0	0	3	7
Burton	1	1	0	0	1	0
R.Ramirez	1	2	0	0	0	0
Fisher	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Burton (G.Jones). WP—S.Jackson. Umpires—Home, D.J. Reyburn; First, Randy Marsh; Second, Lance Barksdale; Third, Marvin Hudson.
T—3:09. A—20,940 (42,319).

High school summary

Burgettstown 42, Bentworth 21

Bentworth	0	7	7	7	- 21
Bgtstown	20	7	8	7	- 42

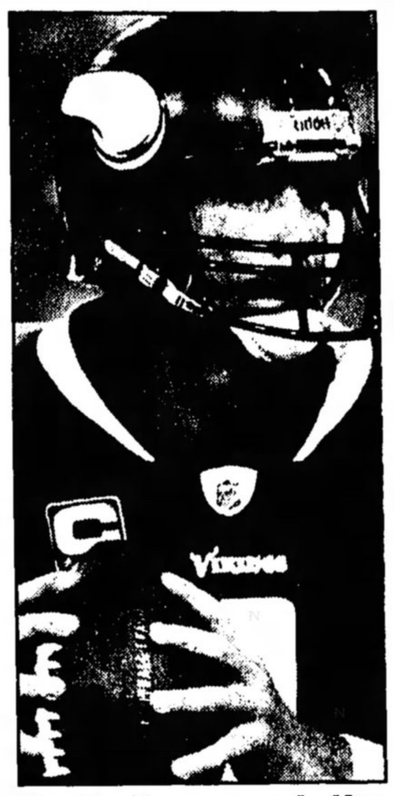
Burg - Bonglorni (13 run)
Burg - Bertiotti (2 run) Bonglorni (run)
Burg - Roner (45 run)
Bent - Hansell (19 pass from Gregg) Malarbi (kick)
Burg - Bertiotti (1 run) Todd (kick)
Bent - Vahaly (12 run) Malarbi (kick)
Burg - Bertiotti (10 run)
Burg - Safety
Burg - Bonglorni (3 run) Todd (kick)
Bent - Vahaly (3 run) Malarbi (kick)

WNBA Finals

Series tied 1-1

Sunday

Indiana 86, Phoenix 85, Indiana leads series 2-1



Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings will host the Packers at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Manchester City at Aston Villa, soccer.
7 p.m. - Versus - N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, hockey.
8:30 p.m. - ESPN - Green Bay at Minnesota, pro football.

Radio

8:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250-AM) - Green bay at Minnesota, pro football.

High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	3	0	4	0
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	5	0
West Mifflin	2	1	4	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	2	3	2
Trintty	1	2	1	4
Ringgold	0	2	2	3
Belle Vernon Area	0	2	2	3

Friday

Chartiers Valley at Ringgold
BV Area at Trinity
Elizabeth Forward at T. Jefferson
West Mifflin at Uniontown

Keystone Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	2	0	4	1
Laurel Highlands	2	0	2	3
Uniontown	2	1	3	2
Albert Gallatin	1	2	2	3
Yough	1	2	1	4
Derry	1	2	1	4
Southmoreland	0	2	0	5

Friday

Greensburg Salem at Yough
Albert Gallatin at Southmoreland
Derry at L. Highlands
West Mifflin at Uniontown

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	5	0	5	0
Charleroi	4	1	4	1
McGuffey	4	1	4	1
Jeannette	4	1	4	1
Washington	3	2	3	2
Greensburg Central	3	2	3	2
Waynesburg	1	4	1	4
Brownsville	1	4	1	4
South Allegheny	0	5	0	5
East Allegheny	0	5	0	5

Friday

Waynesburg at Charleroi
Brownsville at Mt. Pleasant
Greensburg C.C. at E. Allegheny
Washington at S. Allegheny
McGuffey at Jeannette

Class A

Tri-County South

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	3	0	3	2
California	3	0	4	1
Beth-Center	2	1	3	2
Jefferson-Morgan	2	1	4	1
Carmichaels	1	2	1	4
Geibel	1	2	2	3
West Greene	0	3	0	5
Mapletown	0	3	0	5

Friday

Carmichaels at California
West Greene at Jeff-Morgan
Beth-Center at Mapletown
Saturday
Monessen at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	3	0	4	1
Fort Cherry	2	1	4	1
Chartiers-Houston	2	1	4	1
Serra	2	1	4	1
Burgettstown	2	1	3	2
Frazier	1	2	2	3
Bentworth	0	3	1	4
Avella	0	3	1	4

Saturday

Burgettstown 42, Bentworth 21

Friday

Bentworth at Serra
Burgettstown at Frazier
Char-Houston at Clairton
Fort Cherry at Avella

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Peters Township	6	0	0	8	2	1
Upper St. Clair	5	1	0	9	1	1
Canon-McMillan	4	2	0	8	4	0
Ringgold	2	4	0	7	4	0
Moon	1	5	0	3	7	1
Trinity	0	6	0	2	10	0

Saturday

Seton-LaSalle 3, Canon-McMillan 0
Upper St. Clair 4, Erie McDowell 1
Mt. Lebanon 1, Peters Township 0
Moon 1, Blackhawk 0

Class AA

Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	8	1	0	8	3	0
South Park	6	1	0	7	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	6	2	1	9	3	1
Thomas Jefferson	5	3	1	6	5	1
Elizabeth Forward	4	5	0	6	7	0
Steel Valley	2	5	0	3	6	0
Uniontown	1	6	0	1	9	0
Yough	0	9	0	0	9	0

Saturday

Thomas Jefferson 5, Elizabeth Forward 2
Southmoreland 7, Uniontown 1

Today

Latrobe at Yough

Class A

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	9	0	0	9	1	0
Geibel	6	3	0	9	3	0
Trinity Christian	6	3	0	7	3	0
Serra	5	3	0	8	3	0
Winchester Thurs.	3	4	1	3	5	1
California	3	5	1	6	7	1
South Allegheny	1	6	0	1	8	0
Brownsville	0	9	0	0	12	0

Saturday

Geibel 3, Connellsville 2

Today

Brownsville at South Allegheny

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	7	0	1	9	1	2
Bentworth	6	1	1	6	5	1
Charleroi	5	2	0	8	3	0
C-Houston	4	4	0	4	8	1
Monessen	2	5	1	4	6	1
Brentwood	1	6	1	2	7	1
Beth-Center	0	7	0	3	8	0

Saturday

Carlynton 1, Freedom 1

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Canon-McMillan	7	1	0	10	3	0
Upper St. Clair	6	1	0	6	4	0
Mt. Lebanon	6	1	0	8	3	0
Elizabeth Forward	2	5	0	3	8	0
Trinity	2	5	0	4	6	0
Ringgold	2	6	0	4	8	0
West Mifflin	0	6	0	2	8	0

Saturday

Mt. Lebanon 7, Ringgold 0
Canon-McMillan 6, Elizabeth 0
Erie McDowell 3, Upper St. Clair 1

Today

West Mifflin at Ringgold
Mt. Lebanon at Elizabeth
Upper St. Clair at Trinity

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Belle Vernon Area	7	0	2	9	2	2
S'moreland	7	0	2	7	1	2
Connellsville	6	3	0	7	6	0
Waynesburg	5	4	0	6	6	0
Yough	4	5	0	6	6	0
Laurel Highlands	3	6	0	4	8	0
Uniontown	2	7	0	3	8	0
Albert Gallatin	0	9	0	0	11	0

Saturday

BV Area 1, Southmoreland 1
Waynesburg 4, Yough 1
Connellsville 3, L. Highlands 2
Uniontown 4, Albert Gallatin 1

Today

BV Area at Connellsville
Yough at Uniontown
Albert Gallatin at Southmoreland
Waynesburg at L. Highlands

Class AA

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	8	0	0	10	1	0
South Fayette	5	1	0	6	3	1
McGuffey	6	2	0	7	4	0
Bentworth	3	5	0	6	6	0
Charleroi	3	5	0	6	7	0
C-Houston	1	6	0	1	10	0
Beth-Center	0	7	0	2	8	0

Saturday

McGuffey 7, Charleroi 1

Today

Charleroi at South Park
Bentworth at South Fayette
McGuffey at Beth-Center
Keystone Oaks at Chartiers-Houston

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Pleasant	6	1	0	7	3	0
Grb. Central	6	2	0	10	3	1
Geibel	5	2	0	7	4	0
Jeannette	3	3	1	4	5	2
Monessen	2	4	1	4	5	1
St. Joseph	1	5	0	2	7	0
East Allegheny	0	6	0	1	7	0

Saturday

Greensburg Central 2, Geibel 1

Today

Monessen at Jeannette
East Allegheny at Geibel
St. Joseph at Mt. Pleasant

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NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	74	57
New England	3	1	0	.750	87	71
Miami	1	3	0	.250	81	79
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	74	110

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	0	0	1.000	106	62
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	97	86
Houston	2	2	0	.500	94	92
Tennessee	0	4	0	.000	75	108

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	124	80
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	84	76
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	85	78
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	49	118

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	4	0	0	1.000	79	26
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	42	86
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	64	112

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	107	64
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	96	78
Washington	2	2	0	.500	56	62

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	37	87
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	54	107

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	88	57
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	81	63
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	83	134

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	102	53
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	74	82
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	24	108

Sunday's Games

Chicago 48, Detroit 24
Houston 29, Oakland 6
Washington 16, Tampa Bay 13
Indianapolis 34, Seattle 17
N.Y. Giants 27, Kansas City 16
New England 27, Baltimore 21
Cincinnati 23, Cleveland 20, OT
Jacksonville 37, Tennessee 17
Miami 38, Buffalo 10
New Orleans 24, N.Y. Jets 10
Denver 17, Dallas 10
San Francisco 35, St. Louis 0
Pittsburgh 38, San Diego 28
Open: Arizona, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Carolia

Today's Game

Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 12

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Columbus	12	5	10	46	40	29
Chicago	10	7	11	41	38	34
New England	10	9	8	38	32	36
D.C.	8	8	12	36	40	42
Toronto FC	9	10	8	35	35	40
Kansas City	8	11	8	32	29	35
New York	4	18	6	18	22	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	12	8	8	44	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	11	44	34	31
Chivas USA	12	9	5	41	28	25
Seattle	10	7	11	41	33	26
Colorado	10	8	10	40	41	33
Real SaltLake	9	11	7	34	38	34
FC Dallas	9	12	6	33	45	43
San Jose	7	12	7	28	32	43

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games

Seattle FC 1, Columbus 0
Chivas USA 2, D.C. United 0
Colorado 1, New England 1, tie
San Jose 1, New York 0

Sunday's Games

Houston 1, Kansas City 1, tie

NBA preseason

Sunday's Games

New York 115, New Jersey 107
Minnesota 117, Milwaukee 103
Golden State 108, L.A. Clippers 101

Today's Games

Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Steelers summary

San Diego	0	0	7	21	— 28
Pittsburgh	14	7	7	10	— 38

First Quarter

Pit—Mendenhall 1 run (Reed kick), 11:49.
Pit—Moore 19 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 4:08.

Second Quarter

Pit—Mendenhall 2 run (Reed kick), 1:28.

Third Quarter

Pit—Miller 6 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 7:48.
SD—Gates 3 pass from Rivers (Kaeding kick), 1:33.

Fourth Quarter

SD—Hester fumble recovery in end zone (Kaeding kick), 12:37.
Pit—Miller 6 pass from Moore (Reed kick), 7:18.
SD—Gates 30 pass from Rivers (Kaeding kick), 5:48.
SD—Chambers 13 pass from Rivers (Kaeding kick), 4:31.
Pit—FG Reed 46, :43.
A—64,045.

	SD	Pit
First downs	17	32
Total Net Yards	251	497
Rushes-yards	8-16	36-177
Passing	235	320
Punt Returns	0-0	4-28
Kickoff Returns	7-163	5-83
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-36-0	27-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-19	3-19
Punts	6-48.5	2-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	3-20	6-59
Time of Possession	19:40	40:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Tomlinson 7-15, Rivers 1-1. Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 29-165, Holmes 1-7, Roethlisberger 4-3, Moore 2-2.

PASSING—San Diego, Rivers 21-36-0-254. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 26-33-0-333, Moore 1-1-0-6.

RECEIVING—San Diego, Gates 9-124, Jackson 4-56, Chambers 4-39, Naanee 2-20, Sproles 1-16, Tomlinson 1-(minus 1). Pittsburgh, Ward 8-113, Miller 8-70, Holmes 4-52, Moore 3-31, Wallace 2-47, Mendenhall 2-26.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	5	1
California	3	0	4	2
Slippery Rock	2	1	5	1
Mercyhurst	2	1	3	3
Clarion	2	1	3	3
Indiana	0	3	3	3
Gannon	0	3	2	4
Lock Haven	0	3	0	5

Saturday's games

California 41, Indiana 28
Edinboro 41, Lock Haven 6
Slippery Rock 17, Mercyhurst 16
Clarion 42, Gannon 21

Cal U summary

Cal U	14	10	7	10	- 41
Indiana	0	7	7	14	- 28

CAL - Moore (7 pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
CAL - Moore (67 pass from Portis(Domonkos (kick)
IUP - Tuck (5 run) Burgess (kick)
CAL - Domonkos (37 field goal)
CAL - Jackson (24 pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
UP - Smith (8 run) Burgess (kick)
CAL - Jackson (34 pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
CAL - Domonkos (34 field goal)
CAL - Jackson (32 pass from Moore) Domonkos (kick)
IUP - Owusu-Ansah (53 punt return) Burgess (kick)
UP - Rowan (3 pass from Smith) Burgess (kick)

Team statistics

	Cal	IUP
First downs	16	19
Rushing yds	116	149
Passing yds	229	176
Passes	10-25	17-32
Intercepted	0	0
Fumbles, lost	1-0	4-1
Penalties, yds	3-25	7-51
Punts, ave	6-37	8-40

Individual statistics

Rushing

Cal - Brown, 12-55 yds; Bacco, 12 for 27 yds; Portis, 6 for 26 yds; Anderson, 2 for 9 yds; Johnson, 1 for 1 yd; team, 1 for -2 yds.
IUP - Robinson, 25 for 99 yds; Smith, 10 for 33 yds, td; Tuck, 8 for 30 yds, td; Herod, 1 for 1 yd; team, 1 for -14 yds.

Passing

Cal - Portis, 9 of 24, 197 yds, 4 tds; Moore, 1 of 1, 32 yds, td.
IUP - Smith, 17 of 32, 176 yds, td.

Receiving

Cal - Jackson, 5 for 102 yds, 3 tds; Moore, 3 for 80 yds, 2 tds; Cherry, 2 for 47 yds.
IUP - Rowan, 6 for 44 yds, td; Robinson, 4 for 46 yds; Edwards, 2 for 29 yds; Skinner, 2 for 27 yds; Morrow, 2 for 25 yds; Avery, 1 for 5 yds.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	2	2	0	0	4	7	2
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	0	4	7	5
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	1	0	2	7	5
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	0	1	1	3	4
New Jersey	1	0	1	0	0	2	5

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	2	2	0	0	4	6	4
Boston	2	1	1	0	2	8	6
Buffalo	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
Toronto	2	0	1	1	1	7	10
Ottawa	1	0	1	0	0	2	5

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	2	2	0	0	4	10	5
Atlanta	1	1	0	0	2	6	3
Florida	2	1	1	0	2	4	7
Tampa Bay	1	0	1	0	0	3	6
Carolina	2	0	2	0	0	2	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	4	9	6
Chicago	2	1	0	1	3	7	4
Columbus	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Detroit	2	0	2	0	0	6	9

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	2	2	0	0	4	9	6
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	8	2
Edmonton	1	0	1	0	0	3	4
Minnesota	1	0	1	0	0	1	2
Vancouver	2	0	2	0	0	3	8

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	1	1	0	0	2	6	3
San Jose	2	1	1	0	2	6	6
Dallas	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Anaheim	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	0	3	6

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Games

Chicago 4, Florida 0
St. Louis 5, Detroit 3
Colorado 3, Vancouver 0
Boston 7, Carolina 2
Montreal 2, Buffalo 1, OT
Philadelphia 5, New Jersey 2
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Rangers 5, Ottawa 2
Washington 6, Toronto 4
Atlanta 6, Tampa Bay 3
Columbus 2, Minnesota 1
Nashville 3, Dallas 2, SO
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3
San Jose 4, Anaheim 1
Phoenix 6, Los Angeles 3

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Relieved hitting coach Von Joshua of his duties.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Announced interim pitching coach Chris Bosio and bullpen coach Stan Kyles will not be offered contracts.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned G Corey Crawford to Rockford (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Yannick Weber from Hamilton (AHL).

Latest Line

BEST BET: Green Bay is 27-6-1 to the Over its last 34 games on artificial turf. Minnesota is 33-16-3 to the Over its last 52 games following an against the spread loss. It is well documented that Brett Favre has been waiting for an opportunity to pay back his former organization and tonight is the night. This should be a high scoring affair that will entertain all viewers. Take Minesota/Green Bay Over 46 for another Best Bet win

SPORTS

No easy games for Bengals

Shayne Graham's field goal beats Browns with seconds left in overtime.

By The Associated Press

The Cincinnati Bengals were involved in yet another nail-biter — and it's a trend quarterback Carson Palmer would like to see end soon.

The last-minute Bengals needed a 31-yard field goal from Shayne Graham late in overtime to beat the winless Cleveland Browns 23-20 on Sunday.

Not wanting to settle for a tie, Bengals coach Marvin Lewis gambled and decided to go for it on fourth-and-11 from the Cleveland 41 with 1:04 remaining.

Palmer dropped back to pass and then tucked the ball away and scampered up the middle for 15 yards and the first down. Cincinnati ran two plays to get Graham in position, and the kicker, who had an extra point and field goal blocked earlier in the game, sent it sailing through the uprights.

"It'd be nice to go up by a couple scores and drink some Gatorade as we take a knee at the end," Palmer said.

Defensive end Robert Geathers returned a fumble 75 yards for a score for Cincinnati (3-1), which is tied with Baltimore atop the AFC North. The Bengals visit the Ravens next Sunday.

"Nobody's happy," said Browns quarterback Derek Anderson, who provided a huge spark in his first start this season. "We lost. Nobody's happy we went to overtime and played it to the last 10 seconds. That's not what we're here for."

Anderson, making his first start since coach Eric Mangini benched Brady Quinn, completed 26 of 48 passes for 269 yards, threw a 2-yard TD pass to Steve Heiden and ran for a score. Rookie Mohamed Massaquoi had eight catches for 148 yards.

Saints 24, Jets 10

At New Orleans, Darren Sharper returned one of his two interceptions of rookie Mark Sanchez 99 yards for a score, Will Smith forced a fumble in the end zone to produce a second defensive touchdown, and New Orleans handed the Jets their first loss.

New York (3-1) lost despite stopping the Saints twice on fourth-and-short and holding Drew Brees to 190 yards passing and no touchdowns. New Orleans' normally high-powered offense, which entered the game ranked first in the NFL, did not score a touchdown until Pierre Thomas barreled in from a yard out with 6:07 left.

Sanchez completed 14 of 27 passes for 138 yards and doomed the Jets with four turnovers.

Broncos 17, Cowboys 10

At Denver, Champ Bailey knocked away a potential tying touchdown pass from Tony Romo to Sam Hurd with 1 second left. On fourth-and-goal from the 2, Romo found Hurd cutting over the middle, but Bailey reached around and swatted the pass away at the last second, giving the Broncos their first 4-0 start since 2003.

The Broncos took the lead on Brandon Marshall's 51-yard touchdown catch with 1:46 remaining.

The Cowboys (2-2) were ranked first in the league in rushing, but managed only 74 yards on the ground.

49ers 35, Rams 0

At San Francisco, tight end Vernon Davis caught a 13-yard pass for his third touchdown in two weeks, Patrick Willis returned an interception 23 yards for a score and the 49ers overcame the absence of star running back Frank Gore.

The 49ers (3-1) scored in every way to take command of the NFC West, recording their first shutout in 119 games since Jan. 6, 2002, 38-0 at New Orleans.

The Rams (0-4) lost their 14th straight, the longest current skid in the NFL.

Dolphins 38, Bills 10

At Miami, quarterback Chad Henne making his first NFL start and the Dolphins controlled the ball for 37 minutes to earn their first victory.

The Dolphins came into the game 0-3 despite a strong running attack and an 11-minute edge per game in time of possession. Against Buffalo (1-3), Miami ran for 250 yards and mounted scoring drives of 65, 66 and 65 yards.

Henne, a second-year pro, shook off six sacks and managed the game well in his first start in place of injured Chad Pennington. Henne had no turnovers, and he threw his first NFL touchdown pass, a 5-yarder to rookie Brian Hartline.

Patriots 27, Ravens 21

At Foxborough, Mass., Tom Brady and Randy Moss hooked up for their first touchdown pass of the season and Baltimore failed on fourth-down plays on its last two series.

Moss' touchdown made it 24-14 late in the third quarter, but Joe Flacco's 13-yard pass to Willis McGahee cut that to 24-21. Stephen Gostkowski's 33-yard field goal gave the Patriots (3-1) a six-point lead midway through the fourth quarter.

On the next possession, with a fourth-and-1 at the Ravens 45-yard line, McGahee was stopped for no gain. The Ravens (3-1) got the ball back after a punt and moved to a fourth-and-4 at the 14. Flacco then threw to Mark Clayton, who dropped the ball with 28 seconds remaining.

Jaguars 37, Titans 17

At Jacksonville, Fla., David Garrard threw for 323 yards and three touchdowns, two to Mike Sims-Walker.

Garrard shredded Tennessee's injury depleted secondary, often picking on rookie cornerback Jason McCourty, and Jacksonville's defense dominated the Titans (0-4). Tennessee went 13-3 last season, the league's best record, and didn't lose until Game 11.

Colts 34, Seahawks 17

At Indianapolis, Peyton Manning led the Colts on four touchdown drives, tied milestones established by Fran Tarkenton and Dan Marino and extended his team's regular-season victory streak to 13.

Manning finished 31 of 41 for 353 yards, marking the first time in 12 NFL seasons he has topped 300 yards in four consecutive games.

The first TD pass went to Reggie Wayne, making Manning and Dan Marino the only quarterbacks in league history to throw 55 TD passes to two different receivers. The second went to rookie Austin Collie after a brilliant audible with 3 seconds left in the half. It not only gave the Colts (4-0) a 21-3 halftime lead but also gave Manning a share of third place on the NFL's career touchdowns passing list with Tarkenton. Both have 342.

Only Marino (420) and Brett Favre (469) have thrown more.

Seattle (1-3) played without quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and left tackle Walter Jones, who are both hurt, and lost its third straight.

Giants 27, Chiefs 16

At Kansas City, Mo., Eli Manning, before leaving in the fourth quarter with a bruised right heel, threw for 292 yards and three touchdowns as the Giants (4-0) remained unbeaten.

Kansas City (0-4) has lost 27 of its last 29 games.

Matt Cassel threw two short touchdown passes in the final minutes for Kansas City.

Steve Smith, who has caught at least one scoring pass in three straight games for the Giants, totaled 134 yards on 11 catches, including scoring receptions of 3 and 25 yards.

Redskins 16, Buccaneers 13

At Landover, Md., Jason Campbell made up for a pair of first-half interceptions with two second-half touchdowns, and the Redskins (2-2) scored on three straight possessions for the first time this season.

Trailing 10-0 after a first half, the Redskins started their rally when DeAngelo Hall intercepted a pass from second-year quarterback Josh Johnson, making his first NFL start. Washington converted the turnover into a field goal, then Campbell hit Chris Cooley for a 17-yard touchdown and Santana Moss for a 59-yard score on the next two series. Aqib Talib's third interception of the game led to a field goal to cut the lead to 16-13 with 4:25 to play. Tampa Bay got the ball back after a punt, but Clifton Smith fumbled deep in his territory to end the Buccaneers' final chance.

Texans 29, Raiders 6

At Houston, Steve Slaton scored two touchdowns, Jacoby Jones returned a kickoff for a score and the Texans (2-2), with the NFL's worst defense, held the Raiders to 45 yards rushing. The Texans were allowing 205 yards rushing entering the game.

Houston also forced three turnovers and got its first safety in almost seven years.

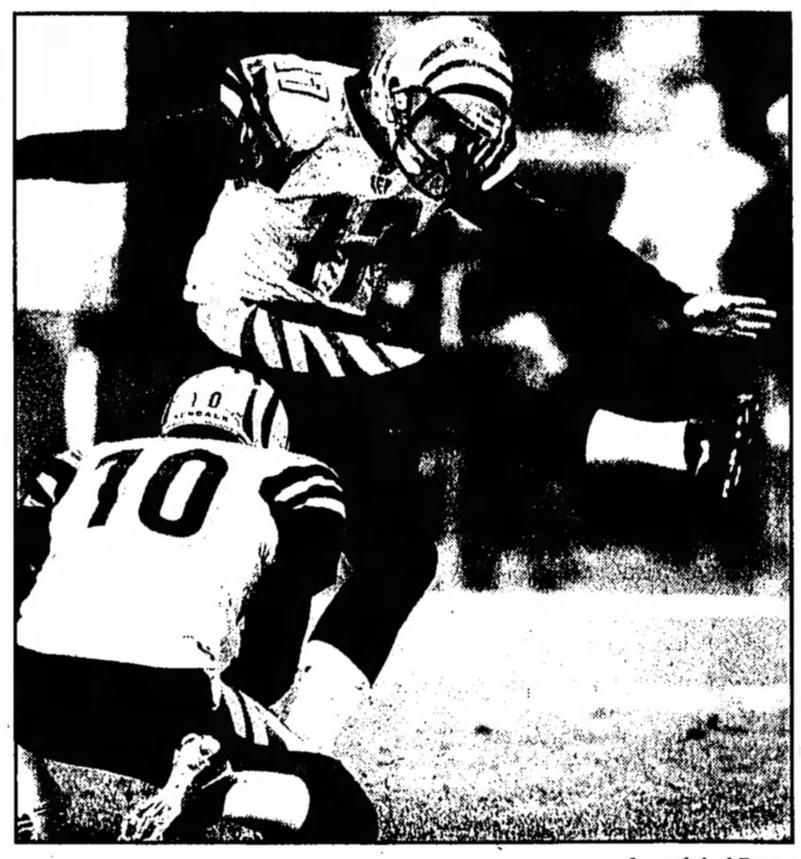
The Raiders (1-3) continued to struggle, with JaMarcus Russell completing 12 of 33 passes for 128 yards and Darren McFadden finishing with six carries for minus-3 yards rushing.

Bears 48, Lions 24

At Chicago, Jay Cutler threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, and the Bears pulled away in the second half a week after Detroit snapped its 19-game losing streak.

Matt Forte ran for 121 yards and rookie Johnny Knox returned a kickoff 102 yards.

Lions rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford left during the fourth quarter because of a leg injury.



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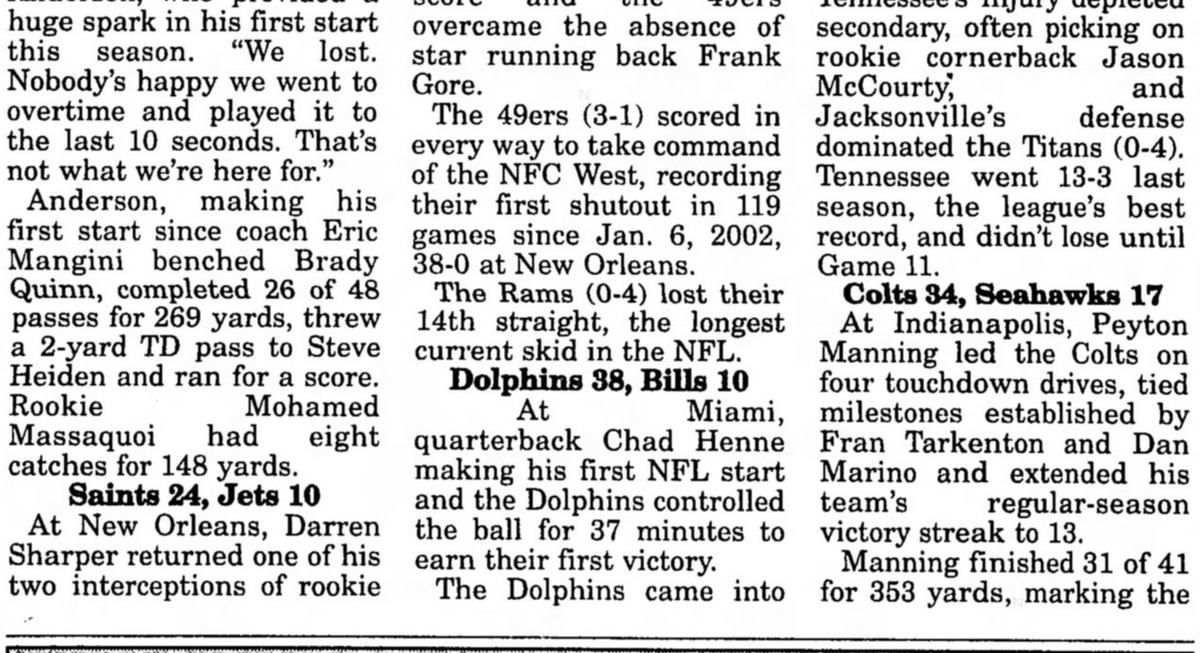
Cincinnati kicker Shayne Graham (17) kicks a 33-yard field goal in overtime Sunday to beat the Browns, 23-20.



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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates meeting, James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, 7 p.m.

■ Soup, salad and bake sale, Newell United Methodist Church, 4 to 6 p.m.

■ Managing your Diabetes, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.

■ Hay wagon pre-school program, Mingo Creek County Park shelter 1, 10 to 11:15 a.m. or 1 to 2:15 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Angel Food Ministry signups, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition meeting, Monessen Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Mon Valley Honor Guard and Firing Squad meeting, James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, 7 p.m.

■ Monessen Band Parents meeting, high school band room, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

NAACP to meet in Monessen

The monthly business meeting of the Mon Valley Branch NAACP will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, Eastgate 8, Monessen, in board room A on the fourth floor.

Gallatin-Sunnyside seniors plan meeting

The Gallatin-Sunnyside Senior Citizens will have lunch noon Friday at the Gallatin-Sunnyside Fire Department. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Karaoke planned in Perryopolis

Karaoke will be held 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday at the Sons of Italy, Perryopolis. Music will be provided by deejay Jade.

Apple/Fall Festival set Friday at MVH

The annual Apple/Fall Festival, sponsored by the Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc., will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the outdoor Central Plaza and the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference at Monongahela Valley Hospital. For information, call (724) 258-1234.

Public star party set at Mingo Creek

The Amateur Astronomer's Association of Pittsburgh in cooperation with the Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will present a public star party at dusk Saturday at the Mingo Creek County Park observatory, located near shelter 10. Reservations are not required; there is no fee. For information, visit www.3ap.org.

Native American Day Gathering set

The 12th annual Native American Day Gathering will be held Saturday and Sunday at Cedar Creek Park, Rostraver Township. The gathering is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Native American Association Inc. The purpose is to bring together Native Americas as one people to be recognized as a people. The free event will include Native American drumming, dancing and storytelling. Gates open at 10 a.m.; grand entry at noon both days. The event will end at 6 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. There will also be food, Native American crafts and jewelry for sale and vendors' booths. Vendor setup will be after 9 a.m. Friday. Those attending may wish to bring a lawn chair.

Flea market set in Washington Twp.

The Center on the Hill, Washington Township, will hold its monthly flea market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Lunch will be available and a bake sale will be held. To reserve a table, call (724) 929-8636 or (724) 929-3638. Tables must be reserved for each flea market. Vendor setup is either the Friday before at 6 p.m. or Saturday at 8 a.m.

Bellmar 1952 planning event

Bellmar High School Class of 1952 will hold a combination mini-reunion and 75th birthday noon Oct. 22 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township. The event will be held in a private room and those attending can order from the menu. RSVP to Fred Fundy at (724) 929-5439 by Oct. 15.

New Eagle AARP to meet Oct. 13

New Eagle AARP members are being reminded to bring fall desserts to the Oct. 13 meeting.

Mini-Summit set in Washington

Three Rivers Community Foundation will hold a Regional Mini-Summit on Social Change 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Washington & Jefferson College. Anyone wishing to see how they or their organization can work to promote social change in Washington and Greene counties can attend the free event. For information, call (412) 243-9250.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Italian American Heritage Society

President Fred Fundy opened the meeting with prayer followed by the flag pledge.

Secretary-Treasurer Angela Caporossi read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report.

Virginia Saunders reminded members that the worldwide Rosary Crusade Walk will take place noon Saturday at Monessen City Park. Bring folding chairs with you.

Fundy is sending a letter to the Belle Vernon Area Federal Credit Union requesting acceptance of the society as a group. More information will follow.

Vice President Jack Cattaneo made some humorous remarks before introducing Leonard Marracini, of New Eagle. Marracini graduated from Monongahela High School and the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in physics.

He was employed with the U.S. Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety for 39 years. He is a member of the Peters Creek Historical Society, the Monongahela Historical Society, on the board and member of the South Park Historical Society, a member of the Pa. Trolley Museum and a master gardener in Washington County. He presented slides on Italians in mining. He talked of the way of life in the cold, damp mines and the severe life of the families who lived in the coal patch homes built and owned by the company. They were paid in scrip money and lived and shopped in the homes and store owned by the companies. They had company schools and doctors. He mentioned the mining disasters that occurred in the various mines and the percentage of Italians killed in them. He also showed the coke ovens in the tri-state area.

The monthly monetary award was won by Skip Macosta.

Refreshments were served by Chairwoman Shirley Marino and her committee

The next meeting will be held Oct. 15 at the Epiphany Chapel Hall.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: D equals Y

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Frugal Living

Uses for leftover sour cream

Sour cream is one of those products that tends to expire before you use it up, so I'm sharing a few easy recipes that call for up to 2 cups of sour cream.

Keep them handy, and choose one depending on how much sour cream you have left.

Sara **NOEL**

Sprite Biscuits

1 cup regular Sprite
8 ounces sour cream
4 cups Bisquick

Preheat oven to 400 F. Mix Sprite and sour cream. Add biscuit mix gradually. Roll dough on floured surface, and cut with a biscuit cutter. Bake 20 minutes. — **Brenda, Missouri**

Party Potatoes

1 large package hash browns
1 pint sour cream
1/2 stick melted butter
2 cans cream-of-chicken soup
2 tablespoons grated onion
salt and pepper, to taste

Mix all ingredients, and bake in preheated 350 F oven in 13-by-9-inch pan until bubbly through, about 30 to 40 minutes. Easily made in slow cooker: on high for 30 minutes, then low for 2 to 3 hours. Use 3/4 stick butter for slow cooker. — **Debbie, Michigan**

Jiffy Corn Casserole

1 (15-ounce) can whole-kernel corn, undrained
1 (15-ounce) can cream-style corn
1 (8-ounce) box Jiffy cornbread mix
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup butter

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix ingredients together, and pour into baking dish. Bake for 1 hour. — **Dorothy, Ohio**

Blueberry-Sour-Cream Loaf

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
6 tablespoons softened margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1-1/2 cups frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease and flour loaf pan. In one bowl, mix the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda. In the second bowl, mix together margarine, sugar, eggs, vanilla and sour cream. Mix the contents of the bowls together, and fold in the frozen blueberries. Pour into the prepared loaf pan, and bake at 375 F for about 45 minutes to an hour. This bread is easily doubled. Double all ingredients except for the eggs. You will need only three eggs. — **G.G., Kentucky**

Mocha-Brownie Cookies

2-1/2 cups flour
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon instant coffee, dissolved in 2 tablespoons cooled brewed coffee
2 large eggs
1-1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 325 F. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Set aside. Beat sugars, butter, sour cream and coffee mixture in a large bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition or until batter is light and fluffy. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonful on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 11 minutes, or until slight imprint remains when pressed with finger. Cool 3 minutes on sheet, then transfer to rack to cool completely. — **Donna, California**

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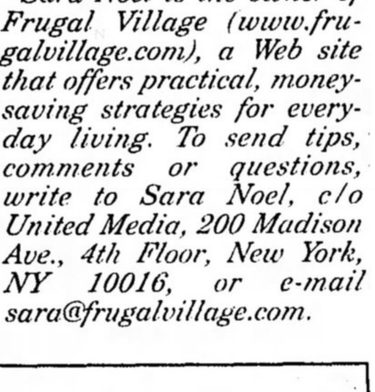

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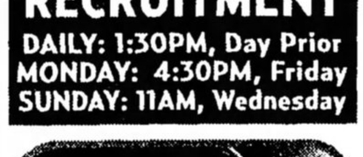

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615 Summit Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062

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615 Summit Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062

Livingston Kizzie
848 Donner Avenue
Apt. 905
Monessen, PA 15062

Co-executors

Mark S. Galper, Esquire
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409 Schoonmaker Ave.
P.O. Box A
Monessen, PA 15062
10/5,12,19

Schneider, Theodore J.
ESTATE NOTICE

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9/28;10/5,12

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Whiteside, Suzanne M.
ESTATE NOTICE

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Monessen, PA 15062
10/5,12,19

2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Monessen intends to adopt at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 the following ordinance:

BILL 5 OF 2009

An Ordinance of the City of Monessen Amending and Re-establishing a Sewer Line Maintenance Fee for Property Owners Whose Property Does Not Abut the Sewer System.

A full text of the ordinance may be viewed anytime prior to the meeting between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday in the City Clerk's Office, 4th Floor of the Mon Valley Health Center, Eastgate 8, Monessen, PA.

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City Clerk
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September 23 through October 23

More opportunities than usual are indicated in the year ahead, but unless you nail down which ones you want to take advantage of, this profusion of developments could bring indecision and non-productivity. Pick a few, and act on them.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- Odds are you will make an egregious mistake if you gamble on a stranger when taking on a project that needs more than two hands. Wait until you can get the proper help.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Unless someone can make an honest contribution, it is best to go it alone. Turning your endeavor into a partnership situation could complicate things; in fact, it'll be a big mistake.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Without convincing others to help with something that needs multiple hands, you aren't likely to get too far. If no one is available to come onboard, don't even start things.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- Unfortunately, there are always a few intermittent bad days interwoven into what otherwise is an encouraging financial cycle. This may be one of those days; take a rest.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- Although getting the last word might be enormously gratifying, it isn't likely to provide any benefits. In fact, it might cause additional trouble that you can do without.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- Unless you remain painfully pragmatic, you could lull yourself into a mode of unrealistic expectations. If you insist in living in la-la land, nothing of value is likely to occur for you.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- If you have the good sense to trim any waste or unnecessary expenses from your budget, you'll have an easier time of things down the line. Sadly, however, the splurging bug might bite you instead.

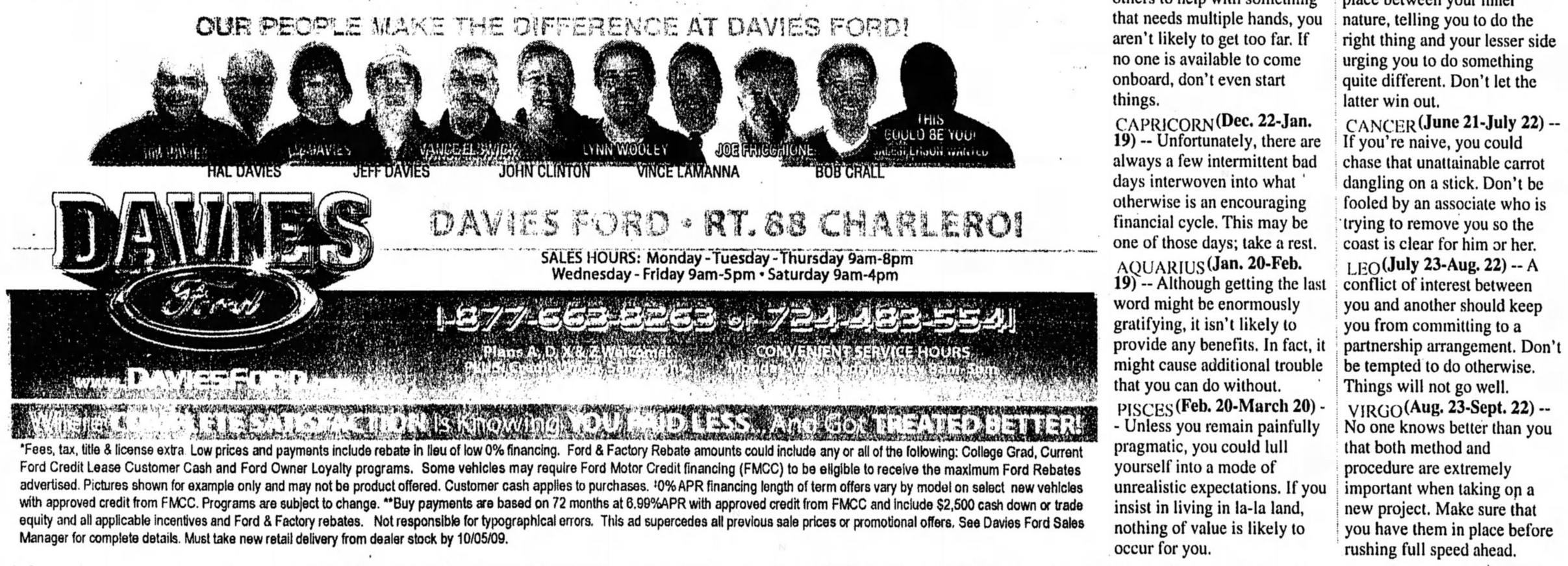
TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Requesting favors from hotshot friends might place you in an embarrassing light, so try to stand on your own. If you have to ask for help, do so only from pals who don't have an audience.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- A battle of wills could take place between your inner nature, telling you to do the right thing and your lesser side urging you to do something quite different. Don't let the latter win out.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- If you're naive, you could chase that unattainable carrot dangling on a stick. Don't be fooled by an associate who is trying to remove you so the coast is clear for him or her.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- A conflict of interest between you and another should keep you from committing to a partnership arrangement. Don't be tempted to do otherwise. Things will not go well.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- No one knows better than you that both method and procedure are extremely important when taking on a new project. Make sure that you have them in place before rushing full speed ahead.



MON VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TEAM Charleroi
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Featured Inside!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 10 *– Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, Downtown Charleroi — www.teamcharleroi.org for information.*

Tuesday, October 13 *– Chamber Luncheon, Smitty's Marina, 11:45AM —1:00PM*

Wednesday, October 21 *– Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00AM*

Thursday, October 22 *– Lunch & Learn on the Hiring Process presented by Staff Masters, SPHS Conference Room A, 11:45AM —1:00PM*

Wednesday, October 28 & Thursday, October 29 *– Time Management Workshop presented by Ken Sevick, ActionCoach Business Coaching, Mon Valley Career & Technology Center, 7:00AM - registration 7:30AM —10:30AM workshop*

Thursday, November 12 *– Chamber Luncheon, Cedarbrook Clubhouse Grill, 11:45AM —1:00PM*

Wednesday, November 18 *– Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00AM*

Watch your mail, e-mail, fax machine and the Chamber website for more information on all of these upcoming events!

Valley's Finest Honored By Chamber

Story inside!

Regional Reporter

A monthly publication of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber honors outstanding achievement

More than 150 members and guests were on hand to recognize four very interesting and deserving honorees at the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 2009 Awards Event.

The winners were Progeny Systems, Fields of Heather, the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority and Stephen V. Russell.

As President Armand Ferrara welcomed the crowd, he commented that "among the awardees are two highly successful businesses, a vital non-profit agency, and an individual who exemplifies dedication to his profession and to the community."

Deb Keefer, Chamber Director, presented an accounting of each recipient during the program.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AWARD
Progeny Systems

A dynamic video of Progeny Systems' operation was narrated by John McKay, facilities manager. Progeny is a high-tech defense based manufacturer located at Alta Vista in Fallowfield Township, and is performing cutting-edge technical manufacturing and engineering.

Also noted was its outstanding corporate generosity and the unfortunate passing of Chuck Dreer, who brought the Progeny start-up to the region. "He was a 30-year Navy veteran, a keen businessman, and a true gentleman in every sense of the word," said Keefer.

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS
Fields of Heather

Fields of Heather owners Tom and Gretchen Speece were recognized for the distinctive designs they create and the outstanding customer service they have delivered for 20 years. The Speeces feel that the longevity of Fields of Heather is owed to the artistic team they have been blessed with and their many loyal customers. Gretchen Speece's grandfather was one of the 13 founding members of FTD.

REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD
Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority

The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority was honored for the many strides it has made in providing a vital transit system to the Mid Mon Valley since 1985. Its "Moving in a New Direction" initiative has streamlined fares, increased routes and modernized the fleet.

From left are John McKay, Progeny Systems; Dr. Harry Miale, Chairman, Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority; Gretchen, Caitlin and Tom Speece, Fields of Heather; and Stephen Russell, BVA Superintendent of Schools.

It was noted that in the last fiscal year, there was an 8 percent increase in total ridership, the largest gain in riders in the past six years.

Accepting the award was Dr. Harry Miale, Board Chairman, who contributed its success to the Authority's Executive Director, Valerie Kissell, and the MMVTA staff which often goes above and beyond its regular duties to deliver this service to the public.

SHINING STAR AWARD
Stephen V. Russell

Stephen V. Russell, Superintendent of BVA Schools and General Chairman of the Mid Mon Valley Sports Hall of Fame, accepted the Chamber's award for individual accomplishment, the "Shining Star" award. As an educator, historian, writer and speaker, Russell has excelled at all aspects of his life, and has actively promoted the Mid Mon Valley and its citizens throughout his career.

Recognition was also given to Ron Paglia, who recently resigned from the Chamber Board of Directors, after serving for 17 years.

The Awards Event Sponsor was Mon Valley Hospital and specialty sponsors were Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, McGinley Maintenance and Guttman Oil.

Several door prizes donated by member businesses were won by those in attendance.

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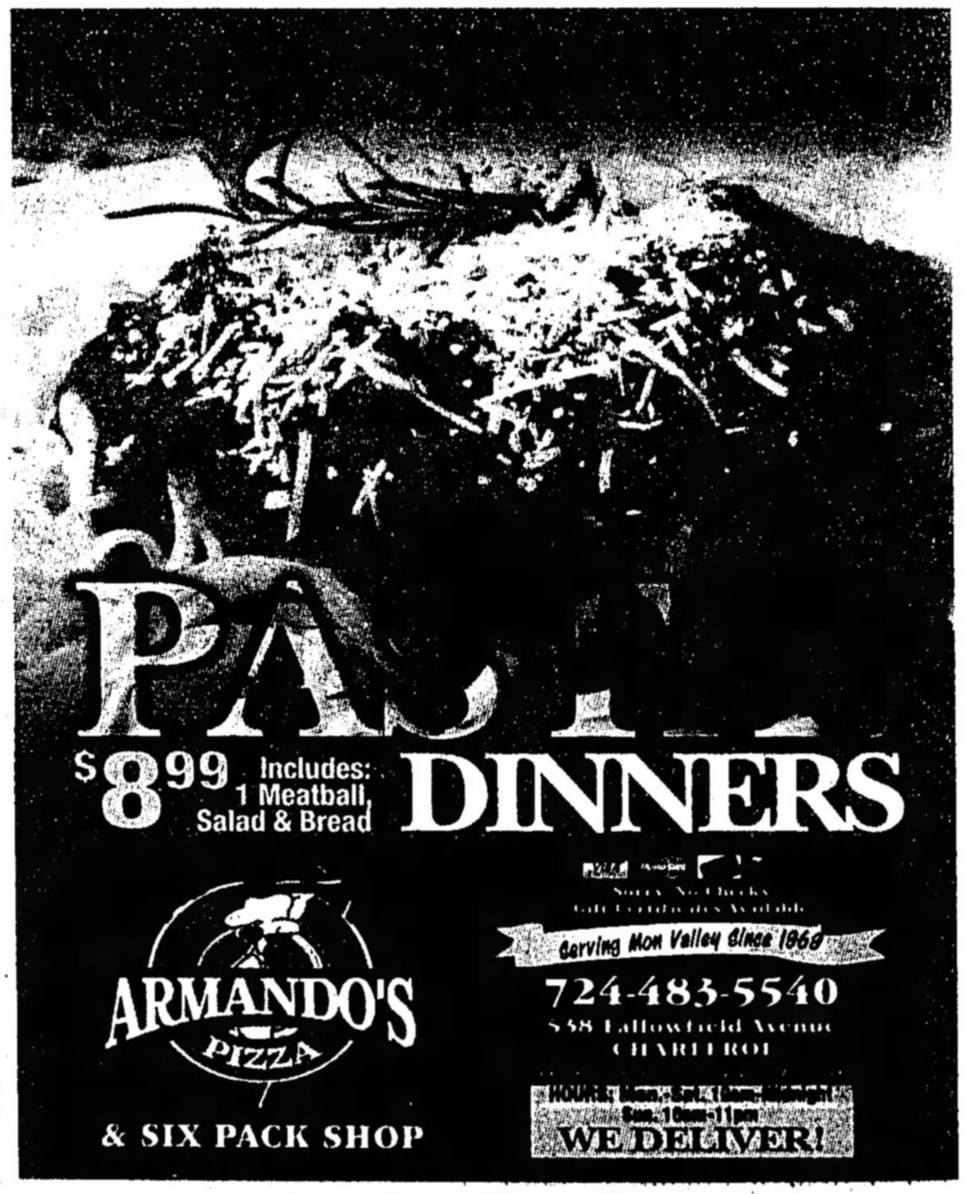


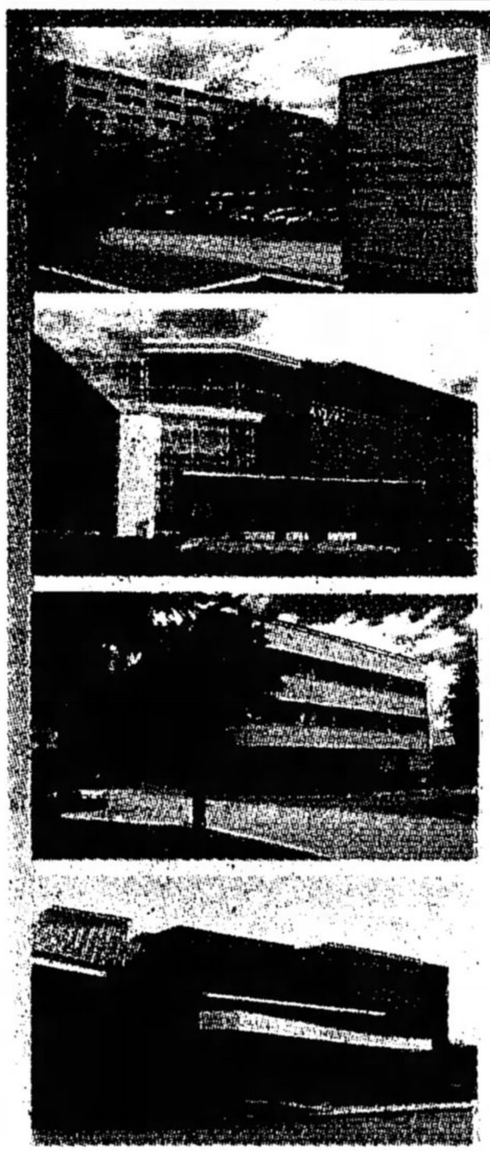
From left are Rhonda Gifford, California University; John Mollenauer, Senior Times; and Lynn Baron, Sheana Malyszka, Terri Green, Kelly Hunt and Gordon Core, all of California University.

The late Chuck Dreer was recognized during the Progeny Stystems award presentation.

Shining Star recipient Steve Russell poses with BVA School District staff members Eileen Navish, left, and Pat Marsden.

The crowd gets ready for the 2009 Chamber Awards program.

Caitlin Speece distributes roses to attendees of the 2009 Awards Event.



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There are presently more than 200 local chambers of commerce in Pennsylvania representing approximately 250,000 businesses.

"The Mon Valley Regional Chamber is proud to be the largest business organization in the area and the growth that is being experienced, in spite of the financial conditions that exist nationally," added Deb Keefer, Chamber director. "I believe that the business community is finding that a low membership investment in our organization has many opportunities that would be otherwise missed."

There are presently 275 members participating in the MVRCC, and has been named one of the "25 largest Chambers of Commerce in the Pittsburgh region" for the last six years.

A fall special introductory dues rate which includes three months free covers membership for all of 2010.

An on-line application is available at www.mvrchamber.org or interested businesses, non-profit groups or individuals may contact Deb Keefer at the Chamber at (724) 483-3507.

Leads over Lunch event Oct. 13

It's not too late to reserve your seat for the Chamber's "Leads over Lunch."

Attendees at this chamber luncheon will present his or her 15-second "elevator speech" to the group with time for open networking.

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Smitty's Marina in Lower Speers.

The cost is $15 for members and $18 for non-members. The Chamber's Pot of Gold is worth $300.

Please call the Chamber or print out a registration form at www.mvrchamber.org

Chamber update

Lunch and Learn focuses on hiring

Hiring new employees? Join an interesting and informative discussion on the value of the employment screening process presented by Staff Masters Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Conference Room A from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A bag lunch and a complimentary insulated lunch bag will be provided compliments of Staff Masters. The program is free for Chamber members and $5 for non-members.

Please call the Chamber or print out a registration form at www.mvrchamber.org.

Time management workshop planned

Not enough hours in the day? Attend a workshop on time management presented by Ken Sevick of ActionCoach Business Coaching.

The two-day workshop will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28, and Thursday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 10:30 a.m. at the Mon Valley Career & Technology Center, Guttman Boulevard in the Speers Industrial Park. The cost will be $49 for both days.

Please call the Chamber or print out a registration form at www.mvrchamber. org.

Horrells head to Belgium

Linda and Bill Horrell of Mar-Bill Jewelers will head to Antwerp, Belgium, the diamond-buying capital of the world, for their annual diamond buying trip on Oct. 17.

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The Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk will take place Saturday, Oct. 10.

Plan to attend this one- or two-mile fun walk.

Festivities begin at 9 a.m. in the Charleroi Market House on McKean Ave. Participate in the opening ceremony at 10 a.m., followed by the walk at 10:15 a.m.

For additional information or registration forms, contact TEAM Charleroi at (724) 483-3070, teamcharleroi@mvrchamber.org or visit us on the web at www.teamcharleroi.org.

This event is sponsored by Monongahela Valley Hospital, Ducoeur's Furniture and Sci-Tek Consultants.

Wayne Ray/For The Valley Independent

Congratulations to Charleroi's 2009 Homecoming King and Queen. From left are 2008 queen Kristie Bruno, 2009 queen Tiffany Lee, 2009 king Jesse Stringer, and 2008 king Jake Chepilc.

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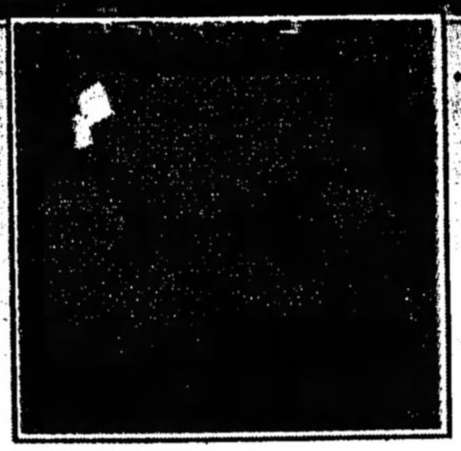

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Spooktacular schedule set

Attention, ghosts and goblins. You won't want to miss the Halloween Spooktacular Wednesday, Oct. 28, in Charleroi.

The festival schedule is as follows:

4 p.m. — Fall Festival in the Charleroi Market House, sponsored by the John K. Tener Library. The event begins at 4 p.m. and runs through 9 p.m. The festival includes food, baked goods, games, crafts, Tarot card readings and ghost stories.

5 to 6 p.m. —Downtown Trick or Treat, sponsored by local businesses. Participating locations will be published in *The Valley Independent* Oct. 21 and 26.

6 to 6:30 p.m. — Mad Science Gals.

7 p.m. — Halloween Parade, organized by the Charleroi Fire Department and sponsored by Greater Charleroi Community Development Corporation, Charleroi Rotary Club, Charleroi American Legion and the Charleroi American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

8 to 9 p.m. — Karaoke contest with huge prizes!

To register for the karaoke contest call (724) 483-8282.

For additional information about this event, please contact TEAM Charleroi at (724) 483-3070, via e-mail at teamcharleroi@mvrchamber.org or visit our Web site, www.teamcharleroi.org.

From left are Charleroi Area School Board President Ken Wiltz, PTA board members Tiffany Payne and Toni Pellegrini and Superintendent Dr. Brad Ferko.

Students accept Rachel's Challenge

Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine shootings in 1999 and at that time few knew that her story would reach millions of people each year.

After her death Rachel's family found six diaries, poems and several drawings that reflected Rachel's philosophy and beliefs about life. In her diary Rachel wrote: "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

In her essay and other writings, Rachel challenged her readers to do five things that have become the basis for the largest school assembly and student training program in the country:

- Look for the best in others – eliminate prejudice.
- Dream big – set goals – keep a journal.
- Choose positive influences.
- Small acts of kindness

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In front, from left, are Juliann Pfrogner, Nikkie Naulty, Emily Anders, Tori Hough and Mallory Santoro. In back, from left, are Morgan Bardzil, Ryan Pfrogner, Brett Cornelius, Ben Cornelius, Ronny Pfrogner, Jacob Anders, Noah Sapko, Andrew Lisovich and Tony Little.

B.L.U.R. receives October 'Charleroi Pride Award'

Youth from the Gatekeepers Community Church, B.L.U.R (Breathing Life for Ultimate Restoration) were selected by TEAM Charleroi as winners of the October "Charleroi Pride Award."

In August, this youth group began work on the first of many community clean-up projects by pulling weeds and clearing debris from the planter at the entrance to Charleroi. This enthusiastic team was back to work in September painting benches at the community park.

"The group feels that we do not have to accept the way things are now," said Pastor Gregg Anders. "They can make a difference and will continue to reach out and support the community in whatever ways they can."

October's project is already on the calendar with B.L.U.R. planning clean-up around the Honor Roll in Charleroi to get it ready for the annual Veterans Day Services.

Local teens in grades 6 to 12 interested in taking part in these and other youth activities should contact the Gatekeeper Community Church at (724) 483-4988 for additional information.

If you'd like to nominate a business, organization or individual for the "Charleroi Pride Award," please e-mail teamcharleroi@mvrchamber.org or call (724) 483-3070.

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Save the date

Team Charleroi

■ Education/Safety Committee Meeting —Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 8 a.m. in the superintendent's conference room at the Charleroi School District Adminis-tration building. This committee is working to improve the safety of Charleroi and promote the focus on business and education. All residents and business owners in the Greater Charleroi Area are welcome to attend.

■ Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk — Plan to attend this one- or two-mile fun walk Saturday, Oct. 10. Festivities begin with registration at 9 a.m. in the Charleroi Market House on McKean Avenue in Charleroi. Participate in opening ceremony at 10 a.m. followed by the walk at 10:15 am. All proceeds from this event help to provide quality care, comfort and hope to local cancer patients using the Charles L. and Rose Sweeney-Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

For additional information or registration forms, please contact TEAM Charleroi: at (724) 483-3070, e-mail to teamcharleroi@mvrchamber.org or visit us on the Web at www.teamcharleroi.org.

■ Design Committee of TEAM Charleroi will hold its quarterly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the Charleroi Borough Building. The purpose of this committee is to shape the physical character of downtown Charleroi as a place that is attractive to shoppers, investors, business owners and visitors. All residents and business owners are encouraged to attend.

■ "Charleroi – The Future is Now" — Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Gatekeepers Community Church, 1006 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. This is a group of concerned citizens, business owners and organizations sharing ideas and working on various projects to improve and enhance the Greater Charleroi Area. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

■ A new Charleroi restaurant is opening. B.J.'s Diner at 1000 McKean Ave. will open for breakfast and lunch beginning Oct. 20. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays. Eat in, take out and local delivery are offered.

The breakfast menu will include omelets, breakfast sandwiches, homemade hash, sausage gravy and biscuits, donuts, pastries. The lunch menu will include homemade soups, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and sandwiches. Daily specials will be offered.

Charleroi Fire Department

The Charleroi Fire Department is hosting a "Gun Bash" Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Charleroi Fire Hall. Doors open at 3 p.m.

For additional details about any of these events, contact the Charleroi Fire Department at (724) 483-7311.

Charleroi Boy Scout News

Boy Scout Popcorn sale — The popcorn is from Trails End (www.trails-end.com) and each scout earns a percentage of the sale.

Support a local boy scout or e-mail the assistant scoutmaster at mbrigode@charleroiboyscouts.org and sales will be distributed to a needy scout.

Charleroi Community Events

Celebrate the season in the Magic City Dec. 5. Save the date for this upcoming community event which will include the annual holiday parade, lunch with Santa at the Charleroi Elks Club, beautiful painted window displays, a "Festival of Trees" and much, much more!

There will be a planning meeting for these festivities at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Gatekeepers Community Church. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend.

Rachel

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reap huge results

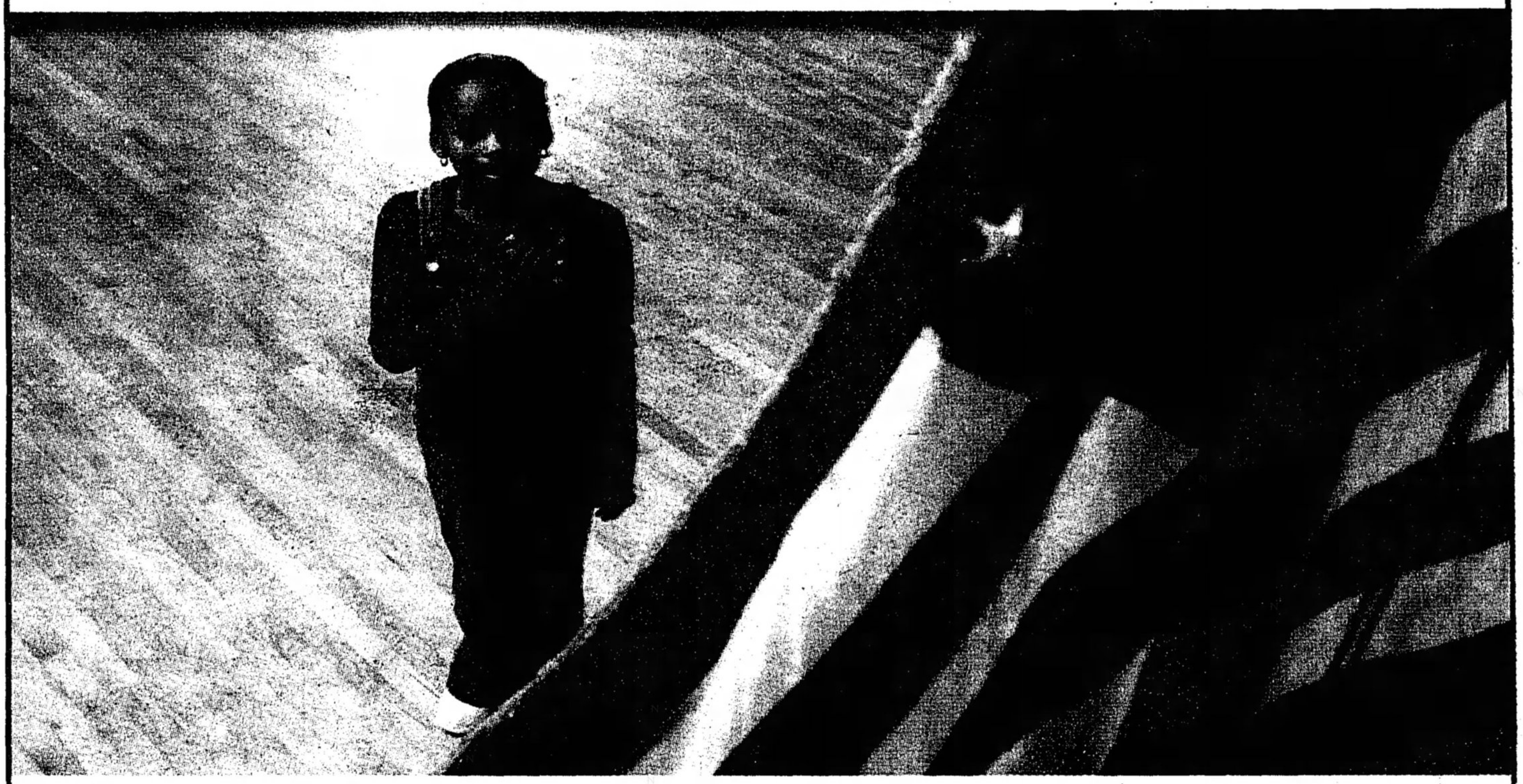
■ Start a chain reaction of kindness.

Spurred by Rachel's writings, Rachel's Challenge was formed in 2003. Since that time more than 11 million people in 48 states and six countries have heard this inspirational, true story.

On Sept. 23, students and community members heard Rachel's message through a series of assemblies throughout the day and a community event in the evening, held at the Charleroi Area School District.

To date, approximately 180 local students have been motivated to become "Friends of Rachel" by joining the local club designed to encourage random acts of kindness to fellow students as well as inspire positive outreach in the community and the world at large.

Some things never get old...



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